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THREATS MADE TO CLEAN-UP GROUP

REPORT BY ALEX ROSS

A PROJECT by young adults to clean up a 'no-go area' next to a church had to be halted when they were threatened by a man, it has been revealed.

The volunteers were working at the council-owned community garden next to St Luke's Church in Cannock, cleaning up needles, nitrous oxide canisters and bottles.

But the group were confronted by an aggressive man who accused two women in the group of being undercover police officers.

Staffordshire Police were called to the incident last Thursday, but no action was taken against anyone at the scene.

The Prince's Trust, which ran the project for 16 to 25-year-olds, had to postpone the clear-up.

Team leader Charlotte Seymour said: "We tried to take our students away and they were increasingly belligerent and threatened to break my colleague's jaw, who is a female firefighter, in front of students who have autism and had panic attacks.

Livid

"It all happened a stone's throw from the town centre. It's horrific to think this kind of behaviour is acceptable."

The group was cleaning up land that had been used for anti-social behaviour as part of a 12-week long programme.

Members have returned to continue with the project this week.

A Staffordshire Police spokesman confirmed officers attended the scene, but said no action was taken. A letter has been written from the project to MP Amanda Milling on the issue.

Ms Seymour added: "They (the volunteers) were livid they couldn't, at the time, continue with the project and felt they shouldn't be pushed out because they wanted to make a difference.

"They got so passionate and had so much pride because they had been there for a week in the no-go area and wanted to turn it around. They wanted to do something about it so contacted the local MP Amanda Milling.

"It is important for them to feel they have a voice and they have been listened to."

Cannock ward Councillor Maureen Freeman went to the church when she heard about the incident. She said: "It is distressing, I can't get over it especially because they are doing so much positive work. It really is appalling."

ELECTRICAL FAULT IN DRYER STARTS GARAGE FIRE

A firefighter tackles the blaze in Great Wyrley

The aftermath of the blaze caused by a tumble dryer

FIRE crews attended a blaze which left property damaged and was later attributed to a tumble dryer.

Crews from Bloxwich and Cannock were sent to Brooklands Avenue, Great Wyrley, at 12.30pm on Monday to reports of a garage fire.

A spokesperson for Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service said that the garage was 'well alight' by the time crews arrived, before they tackled the flames using hose reel jets.

Spokesperson Lauren Jeal said: "Crews using breathing apparatus and hose reel jets managed to put out the fire by 1pm but the garage was already well alight by the time they arrived.

"After an investigation it was determined that the fire had started accidentally as a result of an electrical fault with a tumble dryer inside." The service later posted about the incident on Twitter, asking that people register their electrical appliances online so they can be kept up to date with any essential safety updates regarding their items.

Pictures shared by the service showed the inside of the garage after the blaze, with various items badly damaged by the fire.

CRIME

Burglars strike six times in four roads

SIX burglaries took place in two days in Great Wyrley, prompting police to urge residents to be on their guard.

Staffordshire Police say the break-ins happened last Friday and Saturday. They took place in Hilton Lane, Walsall Road, Stafford Road and Wharwell Lane. Jewellery, electrical items and cash were taken.

A spokesman said: "We have had numerous burglaries reported overnight, specifically in the Great Wyrley area.

"Entry methods vary between forced doors, smashed windows and ladders to access insecure windows."

PLANNING

Disused pub to become a gym

PLANS to transform a Rugeley pub into a gym have been approved.

The Glass Works in Brewery Street will become an Anytime Fitness Gym after plans were accepted by Cannock Chase Council planning officers.

It is anticipated that the new development will create eight jobs. The pub shut down in 2013 with the loss of 14 jobs. An application to transfer the premises licence to a new manager last year was rejected.

EDUCATION

Pupils in isolation for wrong footwear

DOZENS of pupils at a Rugeley school were placed in isolation from their classes for a day for wearing the wrong footwear.

Under a new uniform policy at Hart School, shoes must be made with plain back leather or be 'leather-look shoes'.

The banned Converse shoes, although leather, are classified as pumps.

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Singers to give hospice funds a boost

Tantallon will feature in the charity concert

MUSICAL styles from pop to classical will entertain the audience at a concert for St Giles Hospice this month.

The show featuring vocal group Tantallon is being staged by Cannock Friends of St Giles at St Mary and St Luke's Church, Shareshill on November 25 at 7.30pm.

Tantallon, a group of 10 singers led by husband and wife team Larry and Linda Smith, are returning by popular request following a successful concert last year when more than £700 was raised for the hospice.

"They sing a wide variety of music, hopefully providing something for everyone, all with the purpose of giving a super evening of musical entertainment," Trish Mellor of the Friends group said.

"They are more a show choir than a traditional one, with programmes comprising jazz numbers, pop music, pieces from West End musicals, classic rock and pure classical beautiful music when appropriate. For this year's concert the second half will start to get us in the mood for Christmas."

Tickets are £7.50 available from Lynda Williams on 07825 241942, Janette Arrowsmith on 01543 503739 or janettearrowsmith@btinternet.com or Trish Mellor on 07971 597406 or trishmellor@yahoo.co.uk or from

The following weekend the Friends are putting a decorated tree into the Christmas Tree Festival at St Luke's Church in Cannock.

No Converse here! 120 pupils put in isolation

ABOUT 120 schoolchildren were placed in isolation from their classes for a day for wearing the wrong footwear.

The pupils, who go to Hart School in Penkridge Bank Road, Rugeley, worked from desks at the school gym on Monday as they returned from their half-term holiday.

As a result, 20 children were taken home by their parents.

The school, which says it has sent at least three letters to parents over its new uniform policy, has set a new deadline of January 3 for compliance.

Banned at Hart – the Converse

There will be no further days of isolation until that date.

Under the uniform policy, shoes must be made with plain back leather or be 'leather-look shoes'.

They must be fully polishable, and cannot be pumps, canvas or boots.

The banned Converse shoes, although leather, are classified as pumps.

Girls must also wear skirts which are black and knee-length. One pair of stud earrings is allowed but no facial piercing.

In a statement, the school said: "At the Hart School we are committed to improving our standards in every aspect of our school life. By upholding a high standard of school uniform we are promoting the best behaviour and raising educational standards. The school expects all of its students to wear the correct uniform detailed in our published guidelines."

One parent contacted the school over the action taken. She said: "The school changed their policy at the start of the school year banning all leather Converse, or in their words no trainers allowed.

"Most parents had already bought these shoes beforehand and as they are not cheap have refused to change them which has led to high percentage of students being sent into isolation today."

Giovanni reflects on 50 years

Giovanni Sirianni outside his family business Alfredo and Son in Rugeley

A FAMILY-RUN Italian barber shop has not only survived the last 50 years but has gone on to thrive after reaching the milestone.

Giovanni Sirianni, aged 35, celebrated the 50th anniversary of Alfredo and Son Barber Shop in Rugeley, which he took over from his father who opened it in 1969 with his brother-in-law when the family moved from Italy.

Alfredo was eight when he was moved to England, as his uncle was a prisoner of war.

The family returned to Italy in the 1970s but Alfredo stayed behind after getting married.

Giovanni said: "I am proud of my history and the Italian spirit and I am obviously really proud we've been going for 50 years."

Giovanni started working at the shop in Bow Street when he left school at 19. His father, who died after suffering a stroke in 2016, had retired four years earlier leaving the shop to Giovanni.

Inquest on bus tragedy teenager adjourned

THE inquest on a 13-year-old boy who died after being struck by a bus has been opened.

Christian Chandler was hit while cycling to school last month. He was taken to Birmingham Children's Hospital by air ambulance where he died.

The youngster had lived in Staffordshire for most of his life and was a former pupil at Lane Green First School, Bilbrook, and at Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School.

Christian

His family moved to Telford around a year ago.

John Ellery, coroner for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, opened the inquest in Shrewsbury on Thursday and adjourned the hearing to January 17 in Telford.

A crowdfunding page to raise money for Christian's funeral, organised by his uncle, has now raised more than £12,000. A Cruise for Christian convoy of nearly 200 cars raised further funds.

Witnesses to the collision, which happened in Haybridge Road, Telford, should call West Mercia Police on 101, quoting incident 99s of October 16.

MP calls for park votes in awards

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling is encouraging people to vote for Hednesford Park in a competition which looks to find the UK's best green space.

The site is one of 360 nominations already received by the Fields in Trust charity for its UK's Best Park award.

Ms Milling said: "Hednesford Park is a great local park and the local community has invested huge amounts of time and effort into improvements.

"Many local community groups, including the Friends of Hednesford Park, have shown fantastic community spirit.

"Voting for the park in this competition is a great way to show your appreciation," she added.

To vote for Hednesford Park, visit www.fieldsintrust.org/bestpark/westmidlands

Charity collections

LOCAL volunteers took to the streets of Cannock on September 23 and raised £100.60 for Compassion in World Farming. It followed a collection in Rugeley on September 16 when £128.67 was raised. The organisation campaigns for improvements in farm animal welfare.

Jordan, 18, in running for top pub chef award

CANNOCK pub chef Jordan Dewhurst has been nominated for a top award following an online appeal.

Jordan, who works at The Trafalgar in Littleworth Road, is in the running for the 2017-18 Young Parliamentary Pub Chef of the Year title.

The 18-year-old impressed customers with the quality of food at the pub, which is due to undergo refurbishment and reopen on November 24.

The award, sponsored by Nestlé Professional and run by the British Beer & Pub Association (BBPA) and All Party Parliamentary Beer Group, will be presented in February at the House of Commons.

Jordan will join chefs from throughout the country competing for the accolade of Pub Chef of the Year from two categories – Pub Chef and Young Pub Chef of the Year. Entrants will be judged by a panel of experts who will shortlist contenders for a cook-off.

He has been nominated by Amanda Milling, MP for Cannock Chase, who said: "I would like to congratulate Jordan Dewhurst of The Trafalgar on his nomination by the public as Cannock Chase's Best Pub Chef.

"I would like to wish him all the very best in the next stage of the competition and do hope that he will be successful in the national awards."

George Vezza, managing director of Nestlé Professional, said: "Fostering the next generation of talent is something we're passionate about."

Mag to be put on hold for makeover

THE team behind a Rugeley parish magazine have announced that next month's edition will be the last before a relaunch takes place next summer.

A meeting of the parish church council was told that Brereton and Rugeley Links had not been covering its costs and was making a loss.

"In order to bring things up to date and recover some of the costs, we will be taking a short break from publishing the Links in its current form from the beginning of 2018," Rev Dr David M A Evans, team rector for the Brereton and Rugeley parish, said.

During the months that the Links is not being produced – January to June inclusive – a monthly information sheet will be produced and distributed in the usual way.

Cancer battle bus

MACMILLAN Cancer Support's advice bus will be in Cannock's Market Place on Tuesday and Lichfield's Market Square the following day, from 10am to 4pm both days. Visit www.macmillan.org.uk/mobileinfo

Groups urged to join 'open door' drive

Enabler Helen Titterton with James Henderson of Transforming Communities Together

COMMUNITY groups in Staffordshire are being given a helping hand to open their doors to local people.

The move is part of the Places of Welcome initiative which is spreading across the West Midlands region and other parts of the country – 200 venues are now taking part.

Run by local groups, the aim is to make sure that everyone in their area has a place to go for a 'friendly face, a cup of tea and a conversation'.

Helping to spread the word in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent is Helen Titterton, who has taken on the role of Places of Welcome part-time enabler. Helen, who lives in Lichfield, was until recently the strategic director for community, housing and health for Lichfield District Council, where she was responsible for projects and partnerships in the community and voluntary sector.

She said: "Places of Welcome is about opening the door for people to meet others in their community and is great at including those who may feel isolated, including the elderly."

Places of Welcome is sponsored and supported by Transforming Communities Together, a joint venture between the Church Urban Fund and the Diocese of Lichfield.

For more information visit www.placesofwelcome.org

● The Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt Rev Dr Michael Ipgrave, has announced the appointment of two new Directors of Ordinands.

The Rev Romita Shrisunder and the Rev Frances Wilson begin their new roles in February.

They will identify, support and develop potential candidates for ordination in the Lichfield Diocese.

Cocaine gang locked up for £200k supply racket

A GANG has been locked up for a combined 30 years after being found guilty of conspiring to supply £202,000 worth of cocaine.

The gang – with members from the Black County and Staffordshire – was caught as police pounced after a suspected drugs pick-up at a McDonald's.

One kilogramme of cocaine was discovered in the foot-well of a Vauxhall Corsa driven by one of the men – and the racket unravelled. Christopher Burns, aged 40, of Hill Street, Burntwood, was at the head of the operation and his responsibilities included acquiring and distributing the drugs. He was sentenced to 12 years in prison after a six-week trial at Birmingham Crown Court, which ended on Thursday.

Burns was sentenced for conspiring to supply Class A drugs alongside Lee Crowley, 42, of Pound Road, Oldbury, Alexander Floyd, 25, of Overton Road, Hammerwich, and Alfred Floyd, 26, of Scholars Gate, Burntwood, who were each given six-year sentences.

Fined

Joseph Gregory, 41, from Rugeley Road, Chase Terrace, was found guilty of possession and was fined £1,750 to be paid over 12 months. The court heard that on November 24, 2014, Christopher Burns told Alexander Floyd to attend McDonald's in Hagley Road West, Birmingham, to collect a package from Lee Crowley.

Floyd was stopped and arrested soon afterwards and one kilogramme of cocaine was discovered in the foot-well of the Corsa he was driving. The drug was wrapped in a carrier bag which had on it two of Floyd's fingerprints.

Subsequent searches and investigations revealed evidence of further cocaine dealing between Alfred Floyd and Alexander Floyd.

Separate quantities of cocaine were also recovered from the home address of Joseph Gregory in the investigation led by Staffordshire Police's major and organised crime department.

Detective Inspector Pete Cooke said: "These men were significant in the supply of Class A drugs in Staffordshire."

Councillor Alan Dudson at Brereton's war memorial with its flagpole

Flagpole tops off memorial makeover

THE restoration of Brereton's war memorial was completed in style as a flagpole was unveiled.

The site has undergone major changes, with a facelift, resurfacing and installation of railings carried out in the last five years.

Ward councillor Alan Dudson, who led the project, said he was pleased that the area could now have a war memorial to be proud of. He said: "The war memorial was in a very poor state so I set out to get it refurbished.

"To finish the project off I thought a flagpole would really make it outstanding.

About £5,000 was spent on the memorial, through the Staffordshire Community Fund, which allows councillors to spend money on worthwhile projects in their wards.

Brereton Millions, a committee which was awarded £1 million by the National Lottery to improve the area, also made a donation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Firm to dip into new showroom

THE official opening of a hot tub showroom will take place in Cannock next week.

All Weather Leisure Midlands says the event will celebrate bringing the first indoor Jacuzzi Hot Tub Superstore to the area.

The event at Unit 4 Point North, in Green Lane, is on Thursday, November 9, from 5pm to 8.30pm.

Liam Shelley and his son Luke, who are the owners of the family-run business, said: "Following on from a devastating blow to the business last May where we had £28,000 worth of stock stolen, we are back on track, just bigger, better and stronger."

Firm plays part in racer auction

CANNOCK-BASED DG Automotive has helped Wheeler Dealers presenter Ant Anstead with his #ClassicRumble project as he goes head to head with TV star Mike Brewer for charity.

Since April, Ant and his team have been building a 1950s-inspired Grand Prix racer from scratch, and DG Automotive has made a bespoke exhaust system, as well as working on the electrics, steering, testing and the final build to help the project be ready in time for this month's auction.

The auction is on November 11 at the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show at the NEC.

Quarry garden at arboretum

AN unusual new garden space has officially opened at the National Memorial Arboretum.

The £5,000 quarry garden has been donated by the Institute of Quarrying (IQ) as part of its centenary celebrations.

Arboretum chiefs say the gift is especially fitting as the centre is built on the site of an old quarry.

The multiple award winning IQ Quarry Garden featured at this year's RHS Chatsworth Flower Show and was designed by garden expert Paul Hervey-Brookes.

Musical morning will feature keyboard pair

A MUSICAL morning is to be held at St Paul's Methodist/United Reformed Church, in Lichfield Street, Rugeley, on Saturday.

Refreshments will be served from 10am followed at 11am by a programme of light organ music with Alan Jones and David Henshaw at the Makin electronic organ and songs from soprano Ellen Nichols.

Admission is free but donations for Methodist homes are invited.

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COUNTY NEWS

£104m is spent on fixing the problem

COUNCILS across the UK spent more than £104 million repairing potholes last year, new figures show.

And local authorities splashed out more than £3m compensating drivers who had their vehicles damaged as a result of hitting one. It comes as a survey from confused.com revealed that more than one third of drivers had their cars damaged by potholes last year, with tyres (64 per cent) and suspension (42 per cent) the most common repairs. The repair bill total works out at £245 per pothole.

It also revealed that if you added up the depth of all the potholes in the UK it would be 25 miles deep.

Ex-forces should join police, call

POLICE forces should hire more ex-armed forces personnel when they retire from the military, a campaigner has said.

Wolverhampton Liberal Democrat activist Paul Butters has called on West Midlands Police to recruit more former soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Figures show that the force has 379 officers who were in the services – around five per cent of the 7,000 total.

Mr Butters said: "Ex-military personnel would make fantastic police officers, and it shocks me that for all the talk of harnessing the talent of forces personnel on civvy street we are not doing it."

Over-50s prone to own a drone

THE craze for flying gadgets is really taking off among 'silver soarers'. It is often assumed that younger people tend to be the first to adopt new technologies, but the majority of drone users in the UK are aged over 55.

Research for DronesDirect.co.uk found 31 per cent of drone owners are in that age group compared to just 10 per cent aged 18 to 24. Those aged 45 to 54 are the next most likely to own a drone at 28 per cent while just 12 per cent of 25-34 year olds own one.

Only the hologram, but Roy to return

LATE music legend Roy Orbison will appear as a hologram for a tour next year. The Texan singer/songwriter, who died in 1988, is best known for songs such as Only The Lonely and In Dreams. The hologram of Orbison will be backed by the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra.

The In Dreams hologram tour will arrive at the Genting Arena in Birmingham on Monday, April 9.

Vets' 'stay calm' advice over fireworks

VETS are advising pet owners on how to prevent their animals becoming stressed and unsettled by fireworks.

Beverley Hawkins, veterinary nurse and behaviourist at Rugeley-based Donnachie and Townley Vets, says this time of year can be a nightmare for terrified pets, not only for Bonfire Night, but also in celebration of Diwali, Christmas and New Year's Eve.

"Unfortunately, some animals can react extremely badly, becoming so frenzied that they can injure themselves or even their owners, which can obviously result in serious consequences," she said.

"The vast majority of stressed pets can be treated without any need to resort to medication, such as the use of desensitising CDs which get animals used to the noise of fireworks and plug-in pheromones." Beverley also recommends a host of other tips to help pets cope with the commotion of fireworks season.

She said: "There are a lot of things pet owners can do to help their animals, such as taking dogs for walks on a lead in the early evening.

"However, my top recommendation for owners is to remain calm.

"If owners appear to be unaffected, pets will follow this example."

Tips for keeping your pets happy

- Always keep cats and dogs inside when fireworks are let off
- Close all windows and doors, draw curtains and seal up cat flaps
- Let your pet pace around, whine, mew and hide if they want to
- Hutches and cages should, if possible, be taken into a quiet room

Number of births at hospital to be capped

By Jessica Labhart

MOTHERS-TO-BE could be turned away from New Cross Hospital as health chiefs look to cap the number of births at its maternity unit.

The facility is currently working at a ratio of 32 women to one midwife, according to Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

The unit has a 5,000-births-a-year capacity but this figure had already been reached by September – with a 17 per cent increase in births in August compared to the same month in 2016.

Now, trust chief executive David Loughton has asked for a cap on the number of births. It is not yet known how many will be allowed.

The unit currently accepts expectant mothers from Walsall Manor, Telford's Princess Royal Hospital and the midwife-led unit at County Hospital in Stafford, which replaced a consultant-led facility in January last year.

Extra

Speaking at a meeting of the trust board on Monday, Mr Loughton said: "We are now at the upper limit of what we can safely do. Unfortunately, I've had to write to all of the commissioners asking to cap the number of births.

"When the unit at Staffordshire closed we took on a number of extra births.

"We are also seeing an increase of women coming to our maternity department because they are not choosing to go to the midwife-led unit at Stafford. This is because if there is a problem, they haven't got access to a consultant unit and can't be seen by a doctor there.

"On top of that, we accepted 500 deliveries from the Walsall unit. Then we had what I call 'booking drift' where the numbers we accepted grew with us accepting births from Telford."

Fans make right 'Fuzz' over classic cars

Terry Marshall from Hednesford with his 1953 Chevi P3 100 at the classic car meeting in Norton Canes

FROM a 1953 Chevy to an American army Jeep – classic cars of all shapes and sizes were on display at a pub.

More than 200 vehicles were on display at the classic car meeting at The Yew Tree in Norton Canes.

Prizes were handed out, and more than £400 was raised for St Giles Hospice through a raffle and collections. A TV personality was also part of the event – Fuzz Townshend from the show Car SOS was on hand to judge the vehicles.

The award for best car was given to the owner of a Vauxhall Victor.

Organiser Carl Harrison said: "It was a success. We have managed to raise £414 for St Giles, which has been done through a raffle and collections.

"We had over 200 cars here. They are just local people who are enthusiastic about their cars. There were a variety of different cars."

Carl said he was pleased to have Fuzz on board for the event, who was contacted through members of a car club.

He said: "Fuzz was doing the judging. He was absolutely brilliant – just a normal, everyday bloke."

Water firm in warning on 'unpaid bill' trick

Severn Trent is warning its customers to be extra vigilant after receiving reports of bogus phone callers claiming to be from the company and threatening to cut off water supplies.

Customers have received calls from someone claiming to work for Severn Trent Water and saying the water was going to be cut off the following day because of an unpaid bill.

Elaine Taylor, security and resilience lead at Severn Trent, said: "We often hear about people trying to access homes by saying they're from 'the water board' but this kind of phone call is unusual and obviously worrying for our customers.

"We can't stress how important it is for customers to check the identity of the person calling. Our agents are more than happy to give their names on calls and which department they are from. And just to reassure our customers, we would never cut anyone's water supply off out of the blue.

"Customers should also be wary of people who turn up at their door, claiming to be from Severn Trent.

"We offer a doorstep password scheme where you can apply for a password in advance that any legitimate visitors from Severn Trent will have. You can sign up online at stwater.co.uk or call us on 08457 500 500."

● Cash was stolen from a home in Garrick Road, Cannock, by two men posing as officials from 'the water board'. The men were allowed into the house at 1.30pm on Friday and asked for the kitchen taps to be turned on.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting incident number 430 of 27 October.

Update on RAFA Freedom honour

AN update on arrangements for the Freedom ceremony planned by Cannock Chase Council next year is on the agenda for the monthly meeting of the district's branch of the Royal Air Forces Association on Saturday.

The branch, which is the largest Cannock-based single-service organisation, is being honoured by the council in recognition of an unbroken 71 years of welfare work carried out locally.

The meeting, at the Ex-Service Club, in Walsall Road, Cannock, at 1pm, will be preceded by a committee meeting at midday.

A special associate membership is open to service relatives and non-service members of the community who would like to be involved in the RAF centenary celebrations in 2018.

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Parents are advised to sign up now for childcare

CHILDREN who turn three this autumn should be signed up now for their parents to take advantage of an offer of 30 hours' supported childcare.

Families of almost 4,000 children in Staffordshire took up a similar offer for three and four-year-olds when the scheme launched nationally in September. Now, more childcare places are available from January 1 for children who celebrate their third birthday between September 1 and December 31.

Places are also available for children who are already three or four, but haven't yet been registered.

To be eligible, both parents, or the parent in a single-parent family, must earn the equivalent of at least 16 hours a week at the national minimum wage, or living wage.

Parents can check if they qualify and sign up for the scheme at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk but they must do so by December 31.

Councillor Mark Sutton, Staffordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said: "Having 30 hours of childcare funded every week makes a huge difference to families – it either puts money back in their pockets, allows people to go out and work extra hours, or changes their work-life balance."

The 30-hours scheme was rolled out nationally after being trialled in Staffordshire in 2016-17.

Chief in vow on officer numbers

THE Chief Constable of Staffordshire has vowed to make 'every effort' not to cut officer numbers despite government funding cuts.

The force is facing a funding gap of £11.2 million by March 2021 but Gareth Morgan says he is determined to maintain staffing levels.

Speaking to MPs at a Commons Home Affairs Committee meeting on the future of policing, Mr Morgan addressed the dual impact of budget cuts and the increase and growing complexity of crime.

He said that the force was bidding to strike a balance between dealing with the daily increase in crime, while satisfying the public's expectation for highly visible and accessible neighbourhood policing.

Walk from Hopwas

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is an eight-mile easy/moderate walk from Hopwas, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call 01543 686429 for details. New walkers are welcome.

Picture perfect for 60th photo exhibition

Neil McGuff's winning entry – Pheasant on the Run

MORE than 360 prints and digital projected images vied for the judge's attention in Cannock Photographic Society's 60th annual exhibition.

Members were invited to enter various categories – nature, landscape, portrait, creative, open mono, or open colour – for the milestone event.

This year's winning Nature DPI (digital projected image) was Pheasant on the Run taken at Gailey Reservoir by Neil McGuff.

Other winners included Graham Orgil, who received the Horst Niggermeir Trophy for the best print entry of an image within 10 miles of Cannock. The trophy was presented to the society by the Mayor of Datteln, Horst Niggermeir, as part of the towns twinning celebrations.

Entries for this year's special anniversary exhibition were judged by Peter Siviter, and the awards presented by Councillor John Preece, chairman of Norton Canes Parish Council.

More than 180 prints from the competition are now on display at the Chasewater Innovation Centre on weekdays until November 29.

Cannock Photographic Society meet every Thursday from 8pm to 10pm, September to May, at Norton Canes Community Centre.

New members of all abilities, whether just starting out in photography or experienced photographers, are welcome. For further information visit www.cannockpc.co.uk

Speeding driver jailed over death of woman

A 'COWARDLY' speeding driver has been jailed after his car hit and killed a woman who was walking along a pavement with her fiance.

Harry King was driving his Vauxhall Astra SRI along Beacon Street in Lichfield at 10.30pm on August 12 last year when he lost control at a mini-roundabout.

The car mounted the pavement and struck a road sign before hitting Stephanie Grainger, aged 48, from Cheslyn Hay, and her partner.

Harry King

Miss Grainger, a manager at Springfield House care home, in Codsall, was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, but died four days later. Her fiance suffered minor injuries.

King, 21, from Mallicot Close, Lichfield, was sentenced to four years and nine months in jail after being convicted at Stafford Crown Court of causing death by dangerous driving. He was also disqualified from driving for six and a half years.

A jury had previously heard how he ran from the scene of the crash before being traced by police and arrested the following morning.

Police found he had reached 57mph in the short distance between a local pub and his home. The speed limit on the road was 30mph.

A blood sample also showed that he had trace amounts of cannabis in his system. Judge Jonathan Gosling said King's failure to remain at the scene had been an 'act of cowardice'.

Afterwards, Sgt Richard Moors of the Regional Collision Investigation Unit, said: "Sadly the outcome of his actions has affected many people close to Stephanie.

"Nothing will ever change the events of that night – but I hope that today's sentence sends a clear message to drivers that inappropriate speed and irresponsible driving can result in devastating consequences."

Ms Grainger's colleagues paid tribute to her in a statement, which read: "Steph was a bubbly and charismatic person who will be greatly missed by all who knew her."

Winter warmth in Rotary donation

Rotary members and volunteers preparing to distribute winter clothing to the needy

THE Rotary Club of Cannock has bought £1,000 worth of warm clothing to help those in need.

Following meetings with a number of local charities to establish how the homeless community could be best helped, the Cannock club set about raising funds for the project.

With the help of a district grant the Cannock club raised £500 and an additional £500 was donated by a club member to take the amount available to £1,000 which went on waterproof coats, jumpers, hats, gloves, socks and shoes, bought from local charity outlets.

Club members, assisted by volunteers from the Pye Green food distribution unit on the Beecroft car park in Cannock, handed out the first batch of the winter clothing. The remainder of the clothing will be distributed to local charities for them to hand out to those in need of support.

For information about The Rotary Club of Cannock visit www.cannockrotary.co.uk or email secretary@cannockrotary.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

48 anthems in Night of Rock

NON-STOP rock anthems by the likes of The Who, Aerosmith, Bon Jovi, Queen, Meat Loaf, Dire Straits, and Status Quo will be recreated at a show in Cannock this month.

One Night of Rock, showcasing a total of 48 hits, will be held at the Prince of Wales Theatre on November 24 starting at 7.30pm.

Described as an all-new audio-visual rock experience, perfect for rock and musical enthusiasts, it features a live rock band 'exploding with energy and electrifying laser show that your eyes and ears just won't believe'.

Call 01543 578762 or visit www.princeofwales.live

Duo to provide laughs at show

'THE funniest thing on four legs' will entertain the audience at Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust's autumn show.

Black Country husband and wife team Dandy, who were a big hit at the 2015 autumn show, promise an evening of contemporary comedy.

This year's autumn show will be held at Whittington Village Hall on Friday, November 17.

Booking is essential as there will be no ticket sales on the night. Tickets are £15.50 available from Sue Williams on 01543 671427.

Cannock company completes wiring

A CANNOCK firm has finished work on installing electrical wiring for more than 100 homes in the district.

The work was carried out by Electrical Test Midlands as the properties, in Patterdale Road and Kingsway, were completed over the last few months on the Moss Road Estate in Chadsmoor.

The development features social housing and houses for the open market ranging from two to three-bedroom homes.

ETM, based in Walsall Road, has been working on the 100 plots over a twoyear period for Keepmoat Homes.

Choir to perform at flower club evening

CHESLYN Hay & Great Wyrley Flower Club are presenting An Evening of Music & Flowers today (Thursday).

Musical entertainment will be provided by the South Staffordshire Townswomen's Guild Choir with flowers presented by Diana Scott.

The evening at the Salem Church Hall in Cheslyn Hay will start at 7.30pm. Admission is £5 to include refreshments, payable at the door. Call 01922 413782/477928 for details.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Brexit? He must think that we are all thick

DO you ever think that some of our public figures are actually Jeremy Beadle style wind-up merchants, liable at any minute to whip off their comedy wig and produce a hidden microphone?

I only ask following the breathtakingly arrogant and out-of-touch statement from John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons, during a visit to Wolverhampton University.

Mr Speaker said he was "not a fan" of giving the public a vote on major issues such as Brexit, saying "nuanced and complicated" issues were best left to MPs. In other words, I think he's saying we're a bit thick. Best not to trouble the great unwashed with difficult stuff, just leave it to the intellectual titans at Westminster.

Let us not forget that three of the most prominent parliamentarians wheeled out by the Remain campaign last year were Alan Johnson, Lord Prescott and Sir John Major. Who, before entering Parliament had respectively worked as a postman, a ship's steward and a navvy.

Nothing wrong with that, of course. Indeed, it is surely a good thing to have politicians who come from a similar background to the rest of us.

But they're not exactly rocket scientists, are they? If they can understand Brexit, then surely we can too.

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GREAT to hear Wolverhampton Council has spent £19,000 on a new "corporate image" for the city. The number of times I have driven through some of the ropier parts of Horseley Fields and thought to myself "what this city really needs is a new logo."

It seems some of this money was spent on tickets for Wolves games and taxi rides, to give the consultants "a feel for the city". Can't say fairer than that, although they would have probably got more of a feel for the city in the subway next to the Mercedes garage.

The council says the consultants "undertook very thorough research over a number of months".

Anyhow, the good news is that the consultants have come up with a new logo, which is essentially a stylised letter "W" and the words "City of Wolverhampton" underneath, and hats off to them. You can't come up with ideas like that on the cheap.

Sadly, though, it has come too late to go on the new "Welcome to Wolverhampton" signs installed earlier this year at a cost of £23,000. Which is rather a shame, as they would have looked really good next to the boarded-up pub in Birmingham Road.

We bought diesels believing they were better for planet

Actress Sian Webber – no such historical character as Lady Dorothy

Dodgy TV subtitles – one reader recalls 'Cold Daddy' for Colonel Gadaffi

Prime Minister Theresa May faces a dilemma over the Chancellor

T for Toxic maybe, but they will stay

I WONDER how many of us driving older diesel cars which have now been branded T for Toxic in London, will do exactly the opposite of what the clean-air lobby expects. At a stroke, the market value of our old bangers has been reduced, so we are hardly likely to rush to the showroom and trade them for a shiny new model at a whopping loss. We are far more likely to keep on running them for as long as possible. We bought our diesels in the belief that they were not only economical but also better for the planet. The science changes, the politicians do their virtue-signalling and we take the hit.

A SURVEY for Woman's Hour reveals that the London borough of Islington is the worst place in Britain for women to live. But look at the wider results of this survey on favoured or despised places and one fact becomes blindingly obvious. A lot of women hate cities.

I HEARD a weather forecaster this week refer to sunny spells on "the extreme south coast." Not to be confused with the moderate, mild, rational or marginal south coast.

BRIGHTHOUSE, the so-called rent-to-own retailer, has been ordered to pay nearly £15 million to compensate about 250,000 customers and has been denounced by the Financial Conduct Authority for not being a "responsible lender." A reader reports getting an email, allegedly from BrightHouse, offering a refund and requesting his bank details. It's a scam. Bin it.

RESEARCHERS at Glasgow University reported a couple of years ago that, while English regional accents are vanishing, Scottish accents are thriving. If you doubt that, listen to Jamie Harron, the 27-year-old from Stirling jailed in Dubai

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

for allegedly touching a man's hip, talking to reporters when he arrived at Glasgow Airport. It may have made perfect sense to everyone in Stirling but we Sassenachs were struggling.

THIS sort of interview must pose a dilemma for the TV companies. Imagine the diplomatic incident if the BBC, Sky or ITV started using subtitles for interviews in Scotland.

THE most distressing scene in Gunpowder (BBC1) was the execution of Lady Dorothy Dibdale which required actress Sian Webber to strip naked before being crushed under weights. You can argue that such grisly and obscene detail is vital to tell the true story. Yet the truth is there was no such historical character as Lady Dorothy. She was created for the series, presumably to crank up the gore level.

I REFERRED a few days ago to the Co-op bank ending its policy of sending addressed envelopes with credit-card statements and trying to pretend that we customers asked for it "in our quest towards a paperless future." Making the public think they support some new policy is commonplace. Take the revelation that drivers may soon be prosecuted for any litter dropped from their car, even if somebody else dropped it. Part of Whitehall's justification for this is that a survey revealed 81 per cent of us are angry about the amount of litter on our roads. Well, of course we are. But it's a quantum leap from that to accepting the principle that Citizen A can be punished for the sins of Citizen B. Once that notion gets into English law, where will it end?

THANKS for your memories of dodgy subtitles on television news reports. The technology does not seem to get better. One reader recalls 'Cold Daddy' for Colonel Gadaffi, and 'I ritz eye', the words allegedly uttered by a resigning politician. The recent Storm Ophelia was 'feely'.

A READER tells me she plucked up her courage, strode into a local shop and complained about the "tasteless and grotesque" Halloween decorations which featured blood-stained handprints on the shop window with the warning: "No-One Leaves." Good for her. The media moguls may own the airwaves but the streets are still ours. Defend them.

IS 'spreadsheet Phil' Hammond the most bumbling, blundering Chancellor of the Exchequer in living memory, whose political antennae, if indeed he ever had any, have simply withered out of existence?

Or is he, in fact, much smarter than most people have given him credit for, and just pretending to be gormless? My feeling is that Hammond is indeed a lot smarter, acute and well-meaning than many people have suggested.

Sometimes, you cannot help but get the impression that Hammond, who has been accused of near-sabotage over Brexit, is taunting the Prime Minister to take drastic action over his post. A rampant Hammond on the Tory backbenches could be real trouble for Theresa May.

So the Prime Minister faces a dilemma. Dumping your Chancellor is no minor matter, but how long can she tolerate this continued behaviour from a Chancellor who does not bother even to be subtle in his machinations?

TALKING POINT

Dog tired of dirty mutts in 'my space'

THE confession I am about to make is likely to shock, perhaps repulse and may lead to me becoming a social pariah.

But I refuse to maintain this veil of shame any longer. My name is Diane Davies and I don't like dogs!

This revelation will have consequences. Whenever I let any hint of my dislike show I am usually subjected to interrogation and a verbal bashing.

To the extent that I felt forced to hide this guilty secret for fear it could damage my career. With one previous boss I even pretended to like the dirty, needy creatures because they were a big dog lover.

People are genuinely surprised that I do not like dogs. Not that I wish them any harm of course. I just don't want them jumping up me demanding attention and pulling my clothes.

Is it right that whenever I venture out on a pleasant stroll at one of the many beauty spots on our doorstep that I can expect a mud-soaked mutt to come running up to me? The added sight of one of my children is guaranteed to throw a dog into a frenzy as an apparent play pal is on the scene.

Do the owners apologise profusely for their over-exuberant pet? Sometimes, but mostly it is accompanied by a beaming smile and the reassurance 'don't worry, they won't hurt you."

What they are really saying is the animal has never actually hurt THEM. The dog has never met me before and hasn't encountered my daughter who is likely to want to hang onto its tail and want a piggyback. Even the most mild-mannered pet might find this annoying.

Friends and family are quite distraught that I do not want to pet their beloved pet. While I am quite distraught that the beloved pet is taking up half the sofa and when I finally get a seat I will be leaving the house wearing a blanket of animal hair.

Cynophobia is the fear of dogs, an actual medical condition which suggests that though we might be known as a nation of dog lovers not everyone is signed up to it. Bit like Brexit.

I don't have a phobia of dogs, I just prefer to stay away from them - if only they would do the same. In my experience dogs can sniff out people who are not dog-lovers and will come boisterously bounding up to us just to make us look bad.

It's not that I hate animals, I have two gorgeous cats. And life would be very dull if we were all the same and please don't judge me because I don't share your love of dogs. I'm a nice person really but please keep your mutts well away from me.

DIANE DAVIES

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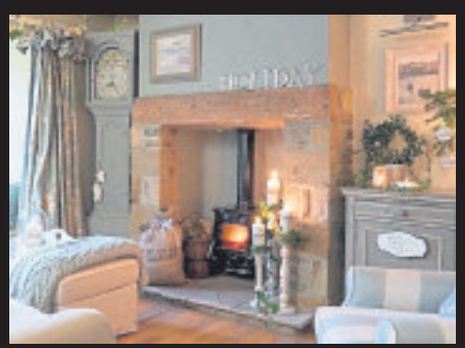

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Brave Hollie's tribute to grandmother Jean

Hollie Banks with her grandfather Roger Martin after she had her hair cut off to raise money for Parkinson's UK

A KIND-HEARTED teenager has chopped off her locks in memory of her grandmother.

Hollie Banks, 13, did what most teenagers her age would find unthinkable and had 2ft plaits of her hair snipped away.

The youngster, from Burntwood, watched them drop off at The Victoria in Ironstone Road, where she was raising money for Parkinson's UK.

In February last year, she lost her grandmother Jean Martin who died aged 59 one year after being diagnosed with an aggressive form of the disease.

Hollie had been staying over at her home on the night she passed away.

Her mother Vickie, who is Jean's daughter, said: "They were very close.

"I was only 20 when I had Hollie and mum helped me out considerably, taking her to school and picking her up. They were more like mother and daughter, to be honest."

Ms Martin added: "It had quite a big impact on Hollie, and she wanted to do this for charity. I put her off for six months to make sure she was sure about it, as you know what young girls are like with their hair, but she was determined to do it."

Jean Martin died aged 59

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No mention of firms in UK exodus

LABOUR'S original 2017 manifesto ran to 128 pages of giveaways and claims.

Their current website has 12 sections and further sub-sections with glossy photos to appeal to the senses and encourage emotional responses.

But where in all these dozens and dozens of pages does it show the estimated number of companies and millionaires likely to leave the UK due to significant increases in their taxation and the loss in revenue and jobs when this happens?

At the time of the last general election Labour wanted to increase Corporation Tax from 19 to 26 per cent. Now they refer to the increase as paying 'a little more' thus hiding the true cost.

PJS
Cannock

How anger overcomes a family's best efforts

ALONGSIDE your brother and sister, you wave your father goodbye. The three of you depart, scarred. He sits in his room in his new home, a care home.

He was born in 1925 and endured the privations of his generation. My father, his mother and siblings had to leave their tied farm cottage and throw themselves on the mercy of the parish.

He trained with the ATC hoping to join the RAF in 1943 when he was 18. He worked in a reserved occupation and was refused leave until late 1944 when RAF personnel were not required. Disappointed, he was drafted into the Army.

In the latter stages of the Second World War he saw his eldest son born and was, without notice, embarked from Liverpool to India for three years.

Not a patient man, he nevertheless nursed our mother through her decline with Parkinson's and dementia.

The last few years, Alzheimers has cruelly plundered his brain, carers providing meals, family packing him into bed, struggling with his mood swings and ramblings. Sometimes your own anger and impatience have overcome your best efforts.

Soon his bungalow will be sold, the inheritance he hoped to leave gone.

Meanwhile, we are left with sorrow and guilt.

K GEE
Rugeley

Keeping a straight face about inflation

MARK Carney, the governor of the Bank of England, manages to keep a straight face, as he informs his assorted gathering of economic commentators, that inflation has risen to three per cent.

But as befits one that has mastered the art of his trade, he eases their fears by speaking with great assurance, that it will soon fall back to two percent.

He is able to do so, if for no other reason than this is the amount by which he has increased the money supply, without which his beloved inflation could not exist.

MR T R MILLWARD
Chasetown

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Unions are the only protection

IN response to the letter from LDT, his/her comment is a typical hypothetical right wing biased assumption that comes from someone who has obviously never read Labour`s fully costed election manifesto.

Such a policy was adapted in 1945 by the Attlee government when the NHS was created. The country had far less money then, and at that time those who said it was unaffordable were proven wrong.

Trade unions are the only protection workers have left in the country, and they are needed more now than ever.

Worker rights under the Tories have been eroded, and the Trade Union Bill has given disproportionate unfair power to employers.

CLLR PAUL WITTON
Cannock South

Paving is still a hazard

AS the parade to the cenotaph passes via Market Street, and I have witnessed a member of the public trip on the block paving, can anyone recommend as to the appropriate ownership of the problem re the Western Springs ward. Having recently reported it on Cannock Chase Council's 'report it' page, the repair is still outstanding. This has been a eyesore and hazard throughout the year.

COUNCILLOR D GAYE
Etchinghill parish, Rugeley Town Council

Disputing manifesto cost

COUNCILLOR Witton surely must concede that the cost of Labour's manifesto was out by about 30 billion and that's without bringing the PFI contracts back into the public sector (Letters, October 12). Independent fiscal forecasts were 93bn to Labour's 63bn. They estimated an increase in corporation tax at 40 per cent which makes his letter, titled "Labour's manifesto was costed and popular" misleading.

MR A ALLPORT
Huntington

A lovely team at hospital

THERE is a lot of bad publicity about hospitals but I just want to say a big thank you for Mr Wall the consultant and all his team at Walsall Manor Hospital who did my operation for my veins last Tuesday. They were a lovely team and all did a great job. Thank you again.

TERESA
Hednesford

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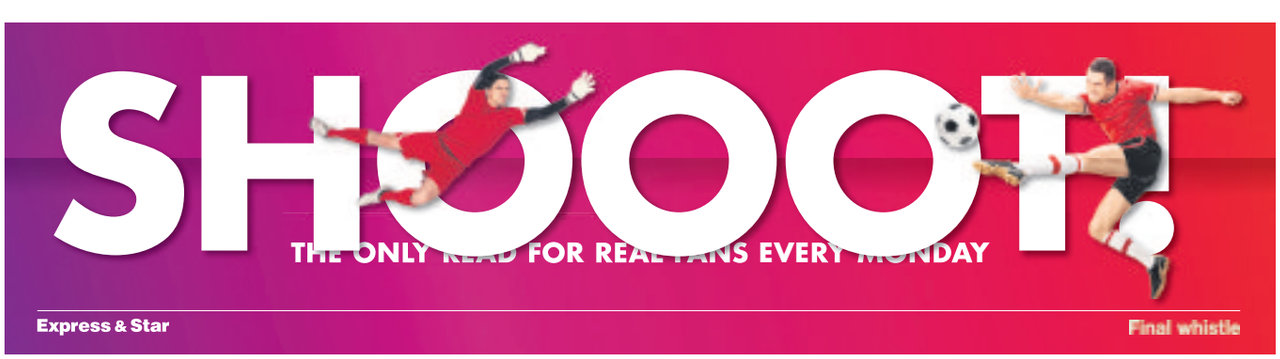

Cocktails mixed with fellowship

SI Cannock & District

PRESIDENT Val Jones held a cocktail party at her home; club members and friends enjoyed an evening of fellowship whilst discovering how to mix cocktails.

Thirty people attended, mixed mocktails and shook cocktails with a flourish, a cherry and an umbrella! The evening raised funds for the SI Emergency Fund and for one of Val's chosen charities Action on Puerperal Psychosis.

The International Emergency Fund ensures there are always funds available for use when disaster strikes, wherever in the world that might be.

Funds are usually donated via a Soroptimist club near to such a disaster area, often used to purchase materials which are needed to help the people in distress.

A raffle was held on the night which raised £90 which will be donated to this Soroptimist fund. Other monies raised on the night will form part of the donation to be given to Action on Puerperal Psychosis (APP) at the end of Val's year in office.

A representative from APP is going along to a future Soroptimist meeting to help club members understand the condition Puerperal Psychosis.

Further information about the Cannock club can be found at www.sigbi.org/cannock-and-district or on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SI Cannock

Sad princess and sacrifice she made

Pam Clarke, Bob Kermeen and speaker secretary Chrissy Whereat

Princess Soraya

Cannock and District Ladies Probus

BOB Kermeen told the story of 'The Sad Princess' Soraya Empress of India.

A real beauty and linguist from a noble Iranian family Soraya was married to the Shah of Persia in 1951 in the presence of 2,000 guests. She wore a 22 carat diamond engagement ring and a dress of silver lame, pearls, diamonds and marabou feathers by Christian Dior worth $1.2 million.

Their marriage was a love match, but after seven years without producing an heir pressure was put on the Shah to take another wife. Soraya baulked at the idea of sharing her husband with another woman and declared "a sacrifice of my own happiness" in order for the Shah to produce a direct descendent as successor to the throne with a new wife. They divorced in 1958 and she became Her Imperial Highness Princess Soraya of Iran. She dabbled in film and friendships with celebrities and royalty, but never remarried, declaring her abiding love to the Shah. She died at the age of 69, and leaving no heir, her estate went to the German Government.

After a vote of thanks to Bob, President Pam Clarke welcomed new member Maureen Marsh taking membership up to 61.

Weather kind on market visit

Hednesford TWG

THE chairman reported on the sad loss of Pat Chapman who had been a loyal guild member.

The Luncheon club enjoyed their meal at Five Ways, Heath Hayes and next meet at The Barns, Huntington, on November 29. The visit to Stratford & Wellesborne Market was very enjoyable and the weather stayed kind.

The social secretary has booked a visit to Chester and the Christmas markets on December 12.

Speaker Nora Price made a third visit. Members had fun trying her 'extended exercise' programme. In November, George Hook will talk about and demonstrate on Mother of Pearl.

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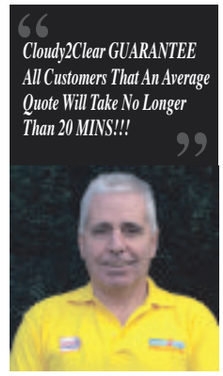

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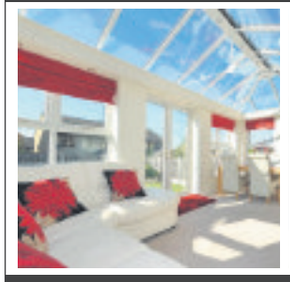
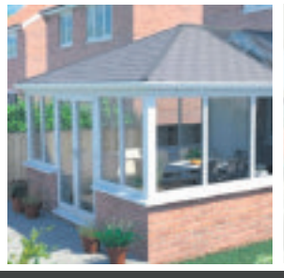

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Girl power as team fly out for Antarctica trek

A FEARLESS army major is hoping her challenge of a lifetime will inspire other women to experience 'Mother Nature at her finest'.

Major Sandy Hennis, a Reservist officer with 37 Signal Regiment, is part of the Ice Maidens – a group of brave female explorers aiming to become the first women to ski coast-to-coast across Antarctica.

She flew out to Chile last week with five other serving members of the British Army and Army Reserve who she will spend about 70 days unsupported on one of the toughest terrains in the world. The team will cover 1,700km, battling temperatures of -50c and winds of up to 60mph.

Cannock-based Major Hennis, who is the oldest Ice Maiden at 36, said: "It sounds obvious but the thing I am most scared of is the cold.

Training

"We have been training in Norway for weeks at a time in temperatures of up to -20c but this is taking things to another level and it is going to be such a long time out there. I have always been quite an outdoors person but this is a major challenge even for me."

Major Hennis, whose regiment is based in Redditch, has been training since September 2015 – including dragging a 4x4 tyre around Cannock Chase. The team, who were whittled down to six after 250 people originally applied to take part three years ago, are spending a week preparing before setting off on their challenge.

The group are formed of Major Nics Wetherill, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, Major Natalie Taylor, also of the Royal Army Medical Corps, Lieutenant Jenni Stephenson of the Royal Artillery, Captain Zanna Baker, also of the Royal Artillery, and Lance Sergeant Sophie Montagne of the Honourable Artillery Company.

Major Hennis said: "None of us knew each other before this but I think I can speak for everyone when I say I can't imagine a better group of people to be taking on this challenge with. We all have different personality traits, which will help, but we all know each other so well now, we really need to be in sync with each other's minds, and I think we have reached that point.

She will miss Christmas with her family and boyfriend Will but says she can't wait to see Antarctica for herself.

Major Sandy Hennis and Major Natalie Taylor training in Norway

Sandy in training on Cannock Chase

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A BRIDGE in Lichfield is the sixth most lorry-bashed in Britain and the most frequently hit in the West Midlands, according to a new report.

The St John Street bridge has been hit by lorries 86 times since 2009 – more than any other bridge in the region.

Network Rail has called for lorry drivers to memorise the height of their vehicles to avoid crashing into railway bridges and causing hours of delays to train passengers.

The national railway network suffers almost 2,000 bridge strikes every year. Sir Peter Hendy, chairman of Network Rail, said it is 'only a matter of time before road or rail users are killed'. Last year a bridge strike in Rugeley cost Network Rail more than £800,000 with landmark legal cases now meaning that they can claim back 100 per cent of the huge costs incurred by bridge strikes.

Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant has said that he believes more signage could help ease the problem.

New call on tech firms for power station site

FRESH calls to redevelop the Rugeley Power Station site have been made in the Commons. Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling wants to see hi-tech businesses based there.

The site closed last year with the loss of 120 jobs but there are proposals to turn it into Europe's 'Silicon Valley', creating 4,500 jobs and 1,800 homes.

Ms Milling has called for strategic plans to attract innovative companies to create high-skilled and high-paid jobs.

She said: "This would be a place to home engineering, manufacturing and digital businesses. This is a vision that local planning authorities have to buy into if the low-wage employment cycle is to be broken.

Urged

"The future of the site rests in the hands of the local planning authorities and it is time to decide if Cannock Chase deserves more low-skilled employment or a real step change in our employment offer."

Her calls have been supported by Conservative MP Andrew Jones, who

By Jamie Brassington

is Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury. He urged all parties to be as ambitious as possible in the site's regeneration during Treasury questions in the Commons.

Ms Milling added: "After the revelations that distribution and warehouse employment is marketed to national business on the basis that wages in Cannock Chase are lower than the regional average, this has to be treated as a wake-up call to the local councillors in charge of the planning authority.

"Future generations are being sold short by a drive for quick employment that offers neither improvement in local wages or the ability to increase local skills."

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Pupils find Angle for project

Year 4 pupils at Glenthorne Primary, Cheslyn Hay, during their topic of Anglo-Saxons

CHILDREN were inspired to learn about the history of the Anglo-Saxons for their latest topic at school.

Years 3 and 4 pupils at Glenthorne Primary, in Cheslyn Hay, dressed as Anglo-Saxons, heard how they came to England, and learned about their rivalry with the Vikings.

A spokesman for the Glenthorne Drive school said pupils were excited about taking part in the burial of a king.

The youngsters also played the kind of board games that were played by children back in those times. In addition, the children got to take part in strength challenges to compete for the best warrior.

Year 4 pupil Jessica Hughes said: "I loved having fun whilst learning lots of facts."

Fatal smash followed a 'lapse in concentration'

A MOTORCYCLIST was killed on his way home from work after a 'momentary lapse of concentration' by an oncoming driver, a court heard.

Andrew Shaw, aged 53, was driving his Vauxhall Insignia along Cannock Road, Chase Terrace, but failed to see father-of-one Michael Sault heading towards him on his bike at 5.49pm on February 15, Cannock Magistrates Court was told.

Mr Sault, 32, from Cannock, was thrown across the road. "He was initially conscious, talking to paramedics at the scene," Mr Andrew Bodger, prosecuting, said.

"However, as he was taken to hospital, there was a sudden and unexpected deterioration of his condition. Tragically, he passed away later that evening."

The court heard that it was dark and that the section of the road has a chicane where traffic heading towards Burntwood gives way to oncoming drivers heading to Cannock. "Mr Sault had finished work in Chasetown and was approaching a series of traffic-calming measures that narrow the road and give right of way to him," Mr Bodger said.

Victim impact statements by Mr Sault's relatives read to the court described how the death had caused family and personal 'breakdown'.

"I have lost one of the most important people in my life and so has my daughter," his wife Rachel said. His younger brother Peter said: "I wish this pain on nobody."

Shaw, of Wolverhampton Road, Penkridge, was in the car with his wife after visiting a terminally ill friend in hospital. Shaw, a production manager at Taylor Wimpey, pleaded guilty to one count of death by careless driving.

Mr Christopher Hopkins, defending, said: "He is full of remorse. It was a momentary lapse of concentration." Shaw was sentenced to a 12-month community order, disqualified from driving for one year, and ordered to complete 200 hours' unpaid work, and pay £135 costs and an £85 victim surcharge.

Andrew Shaw

NHS groups to get new top officer

A NEW boss has been appointed to oversee clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) in Staffordshire.

Marcus Warnes will step into the role of joint accountable officer for five out of six CCGs in Staffordshire on November 1 and will be tasked with helping to improve health outcomes for residents.

He will be supported by Tony Bruce who will remain as accountable officer for East Staffordshire CCG until he leaves in March 2018. Mr Warnes will then take on the role for East Staffordshire CCG.

Mr Warnes said: "Over the coming weeks I will be meeting with staff, GPs and our stakeholders to listen to the diverse needs across our county and the opportunities for closer working."

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App alerts mother to mole cancer danger

A MOTHER who used to be addicted to sunbeds was diagnosed with skin cancer after a phone app alerted her to a dangerous mole.

Natalie Killian, aged 39, downloaded an app that keeps track of any moles which may turn cancerous by logging pictures and alerting the user to any changes.

The mother-of-one, from Cannock, had previously used a sunbed five times a week, before she became worried about the risk.

The SkinVision phone app then warned her to seek out a doctor's opinion on the mole but her first GP told her there was nothing to worry about.

However, the app continued to send warnings and a second GP referred her to a specialist where she was diagnosed with basal cell carcinoma – a common form of skin cancer.

Aware

Natalie said: "Back in my early 20s I was using sunbeds a lot, Monday to Friday I would go on my lunch break, for the maximum time I could. Having a tan really boosted my self-esteem, I was bullied at school and I think it made me feel better about myself. Looking back it was an addiction."

The graphic designer kicked the habit 10 years ago after becoming more aware of the risks.

Natalie, who lives with husband Jason, 43, and four-year-old son Max, first noticed a small pink lesion on her chest early last year, and took a picture using the app which detects if the mole is a low, medium or high risk.

However, in January, Natalie noticed the mole had changed in shape and height.

She underwent surgery and has now been given the all-clear.

Natalie Killian, 39, with husband Jason, 43, and son Max, four

Cream of the crop crowned

THE best food and drink champions in the county were crowned in a prestigious awards ceremony.

Taste of Staffordshire Good Food Awards saw Lichfield Cathedral filled with the cream of the county's crop.

Twelve walked away with awards at the black tie event attended by 140 people from throughout the county.

Two Essington businesses received awards – the Farm Shop of the Year went to Essington Fruit Farm Shop, while the Food Processor, Producer or Distributor of the Year was won by Essington Fruit Farm.

Other winners included Stone-based Lymestone Brewery, which took the award for Brewery of the Year.

Independent Restaurant of the Year went to The Four Seasons Restaurant at Swinfen Hall Hotel in Lichfield.

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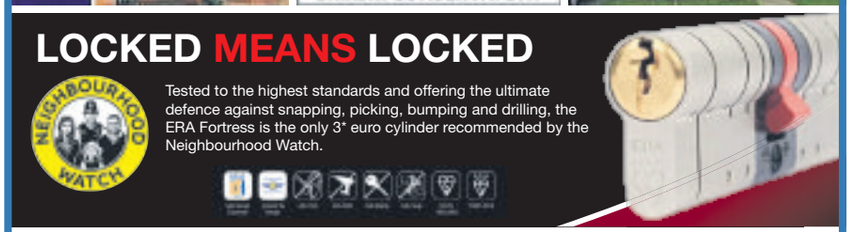

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Amazon centre's donation helps poor

AMAZON'S Rugeley fulfilment centre has made a £1,000 donation that will help some of Africa's poorest communities.

The recipient is the Stoke-based Krizevac Project, which will use the cash to send new bicycles to Africa.

The bikes are reconditioned postal service cycles, and the charity sells them to the public, with every one sold seeing a similar one sent to Africa. The work comes under the title of the Elephant Bike project.

Amazon Rugeley's general manager Scott Wharton said: "Elephant Bikes is a fantastic project that makes a real difference to communities in Africa. The team from Amazon in Rugeley enjoyed their visit to Krizevac in Stoke to see how the money will be used."

Terry Richards from Krizevac said: "The work we do in supporting people in Africa wouldn't be possible without donations from local businesses like Amazon."

Amazon team members, left, Catalin Marica, Zoe Richards and, right, Loredana Buinaru help Terry Richards of the Krizevac Project to load some of the bicycles

'Expect a visit' alert over failure to register for vote

RESIDENTS have been warned they will be visited in person if they fail to register on the voters' list.

Inquiry forms were sent to homes throughout the Cannock Chase and Lichfield districts earlier this year.

Residents were asked to check that the information held for those living at that address was correct and were then sent reminders if they failed to respond. Now officers at the councils in both districts say canvassers will be knocking on doors if there is no response to the reminders.

Tony McGovern, managing director and electoral registration officer at Cannock Chase Council, said: "Anyone that wants to vote must be registered.

"To make sure you are able to have your say at the elections next year, simply check and complete the form when it arrives and return it as promptly as possible.

"Please encourage family and friends to do the same. It's really easy – you can do it online, by telephone or by returning the form in the post."

The aim of the canvass is to ensure that the electoral register is up to date and to encourage those who are not currently registered to do so.

Diane Tilley, electoral registration officer for Lichfield District Council, said more than 6,000 households out of the 45,000 sent forms have still not responded.

"It's really important that all households across the district return their household inquiry forms to us, so that our electoral register is up to date.

"It also helps us to identify anyone who is not registered to vote, so we can send them an invitation to register.

"This is why we're sending canvassers out to all the local households that have still not responded."

Cannock Chase residents yet to respond can call 01543 464437 or 01543 464754 or email electionsoffice@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

For Lichfield call 01543 308125 or email elections@lichfielddc.gov.uk

Screening tribute to ex-player

A HEART screening session will take place at Cannock Hockey Club on Saturday in memory of a former player who died aged 18.

Jeevan Singh Dhanda, from Walsall, died a week after being found injured on rail tracks near Birmingham New Street in 2014.

Jeevan

His family set up Jeevan's Legacy, a charity helping young people, and a fundraising ball in July made £6,500 for the CRY for Matthew charity which raises awareness of cardiac risk in the young.

The cash will pay for the screening session for 14 to 35-year-olds at the hockey club on Saturday. The event is already fully booked.

Motorist injured in HGVs collision

A MOTORIST was taken to hospital after a crash involving a car and two HGVs.

The collision happened on the A5 at Four Crosses at 2.30pm on Sunday.

Tidy-up at canal

A TIDY-UP will be held at the Trent & Mersey Canal aqueduct in Rugeley tomorrow (Friday). Call 07581 794111.

Church craft fair

A CRAFT fair will be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Etching Hill, on Saturday from 10.30am to 2pm.

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Councils fail to replace Right to Buy housing

COUNCILS in Staffordshire and the Black Country are failing to replace homes sold through the Right to Buy scheme, new figures show.

Over the past two years Wolverhampton City Council sold 457 homes under the scheme – but according to official government figures, 30 were built as replacements – 6.56 per cent.

One in 10 properties were replaced by Dudley Council, which sold 389 homes to council tenants and built 46 new ones – a net loss of 343 homes across the borough.

The figures also showed that in Cannock Chase just three in 10 homes were replaced.

Sandwell fared better building 167 new homes and selling 344 under the scheme – a replacement rate of almost 50 per cent.

Right to Buy was initially launched by the Conservatives in the 1980s and gives tenants sizeable discounts if they want to buy the council home they are living in.

Figures

The scheme has proved controversial in recent years, with many councils warning they did not have the money to replace homes like for like.

The latest figures were revealed by Black Country Liberal Democrats through a Freedom of Information request.

Rob Quarmby, spokesman for the Lib Dems in Wolverhampton, said: "Councils in the Black Country have some of the worst records in the country on this issue and that is utterly shameful."

However, the Local Government Association (LGA) said councils were being hampered by rules only allowing them to keep a third of all receipts from homes sold under Right to Buy.

LGA housing spokesman Martin Tett, said: "Further complex rules and restrictions mean councils are struggling to rapidly replace them."

Art contest lights up school

From left, Arkerke Yerlankyzy, Antares Xelani, Jeremy Bournon, Sofia Abel-Lawson and Tina XU

BUDDING artists from 20 independent schools across the Midlands came together for the regional final of an art competition.

Hosted by Cannock's Chase Grammar School, more than 180 pieces of work were judged by local artist Jeremy Bournon – former head of art at Repton School.

The competition has 10 categories, such as sketching, textiles, 2D and 3D art, and is additionally divided based on age group. In all, 37 students from across the region have progressed to the national finals which takes place this month in Coventry.

Chase Grammar School also announced the winners of its own inter-house art competition, which presented the very best artwork from age ranges across the school.

One of the winners included Year 7 pupil Sofia Abel-Lawson, who painted an abstract post-apocalyptic sunset.

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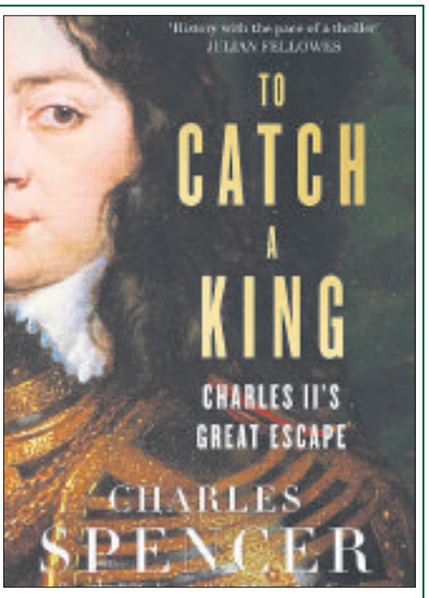
A vintage picture of Moseley Old Hall, now managed by the National Trust

Roundheads put a bounty on the king's head

The young Charles Stuart, later restored as Charles II



The new book by Charles Spencer about the king's escape

An old picture of Boscobel House, now managed by English Heritage

The tree at Boscobel said to be where the king hid

Thomas Whitgreave, owner of Moseley Hall

The great escape of a fugitive king

WE don't think of the English as particularly rebellious or revolutionary but we killed our king and declared a republic long before the French.

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King Charles I lost his head in 1649 and his eldest son would have followed him to the block two years later if it wasn't for some brave and resourceful West Midlands folk. Historian and aristocrat Charles Spencer (the Earl, brother of Princess Diana) looks at the young Charles II's desperate escape after the bloody battle of Worcester finally ended the Civil Wars in Parliament's favour.

Catholic

This saw the king and small band of supporters roving across our region, depending on local Catholic families to hide him from the Roundhead search parties.

This included the famous day spent hiding in an oak tree at Boscobel House (hence all those pubs called the Royal Oak) and crammed into a hiding hole at Moseley Old Hall, near Wolverhampton.

In what was becoming the Black Country, with the dawn of the Industrial Revolution, Charles Stuart and his Royalist officers face a night time ride through Stourbridge, where Roundhead troops are based, speaking French so the locals think them immigrant Huguenot glassmakers, as the French Protestant craftsmen are common in the town.

The future 'Merry Monarch' also has banter with a Rowley Regis blacksmith who tells the disguised monarch what a rogue the king is. Luckily for him the king sees the funny side.

Spencer's book zips along with the speed of a thriller as it reveals a fascinating episode of British history which largely took place on our doorsteps.

Kinver, Pattingham, Madeley and Newport also get a mention, as does Wolverhampton where the king's sympathisers learn about Parliament's search for the king. They placed a bounty of £1,000 on his head, in those days a fortune, the equivalent to a lifetime's wages.

Charles emerges as a complex character, a highly self-entitled young man and a womaniser, sometimes self-pitying and sometimes heroic with a sense of humour and apparently a good mimic of the Midlands accent. The real heroes are the Whitgreave, Giffard and Penderel families, and other Catholics, who risked their lives to save the king, paving the way for his return to the throne a decade later.

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Pupils on trip help with village projects

THREE pupils from a Rugeley school took part in a trip to Cambodia to help with community projects.

The students – Teigan Castree, Jessica Archer and Laura-Jayne Nesbitt, all aged 16 – travelled to the Southeast Asian country with Camps International.

During their time there, they helped with building two toilets that a local village could share, planted trees to replace the mass deforestation, and worked in local schools with the children. All three students are now looking forward to another trip with Camps International when they have completed their A-levels in the summer of 2019.

This time they are heading to Ecuador and The Galapagos Islands.

They will become involved in conservation work while in the Galapagos Islands and local community project work in Ecuador.

Again, they are raising funds for the trip, which will cost them £4,800 each. Call 07764 998567 to sponsor them.

Cinderella cast members, from left, Laurence Staples, author Adam Britton, Lydia Bain, rear, Heather Cornwell and Ben Farnell

Adam writes his own Cinderella

SEASONS Theatre Company will be presenting their own version of Cinderella next week.

The show has been written by group member Adam Britton, who has had a keen interest in theatre since completing both his GCSE and BTEC in Drama.

Having been a member of a youth drama group, performing in Oedipus Rex, the Wizard of Oz and pantomimes, Adam then joined Seasons in 2014.

He had already begun to develop his writing skills with short sketches and a 20-minute panto script which he hoped one day to develop into a full-length version.

Seasons are a Cannock-based amateur drama group for adults with Aspergers, autism and learning difficulties.

Adam said: "I think the experience of working with such a supportive family as Seasons gave me the confidence to have a go and get my ideas down on paper.

"Working with Barbara Jones, our artistic director, and Paul Jones, our musical director, helped me to bring it all together. I was a bit nervous when we did the first read through but after the first laugh I knew it was going to be OK and I could relax!"

The next big step for Adam is hopefully more writing, this time with other members of the group so they can pool their ideas and develop a new show that showcases the talent within the group. "Seasons is growing and is beginning to get a name for itself, now we've got to get out there and show everyone what we can do," Adam said.

Performances of Cinderella will be at 7.30 pm on Friday, November 10, and 5pm on Saturday, November 11, at Great Wyrley High School Theatre. Tickets are £9. For further information call 07510 830 549.

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So, I say to this government, we are the fifth richest nation in the world and this is the 21st Century, so for heaven's sake put Brexit on the back burner for a short while and implement your duty of care, towards the sick, elderly and most vulnerable citizens if you have any conscience at all.

ALLAN KYTE
Great Wyrley

Flood defence work is a waste of money

I REFER to the progress of the work at Hagley field ("Town's flood defence work in final stages", Octyober 26).

The report says the idea of this development is to protect the town, the A51, fire station and bus station from flooding. Consider this: if the A51 or A460 floods, we as a town are in real trouble. This is because the River Trent will have risen, taken out the estate at Power Station Road, the canal will have gone, Rugeley town centre threatened and Aldi will be no more.

I don't think in my living history I have ever seen a more blatant waste of public funds. I wrote at its inception that the estimate for this work was woefully inaccurate at £2 million. It turns out that my estimate of £4m was correct, and for what?

If this scheme is ever required, the threat will have manifested itself alarmingly from the river, not the brook, and there will be an opening for the Brereton to Haywood ferry!

GEORGE EVANS
Rugeley

Condescending to say we didn't understand

WE are heading for our own Catalonia if Labour achieves its goal in seeking to amend a key part of Brexit legislation so that Parliament has the power to reject whatever the outcome of the negotiations turn out to be. To the electorate, it's condescending to be told 'we didn't understand nor did we vote to be poorer'. Personally I find it hard to believe that we were unaware of the scenarios of leaving the EU. The booklet issued to every household was pro-European which covered every aspect of leaving. Negatively you cannot reverse the decision of a democratic vote.

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Distribution centre will bring jobs

WHAT a strange choice of words in the report on investors spending millions in Cannock (Chronicle, (October 26).

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The state of the art distribution centre in question will bring jobs to Cannock.

The more jobs that arrive, whether high or low-wage, will bring greater prosperity to the Chase, not to mention business tax for the council to waste.

There is no point in our MP criticising developers for suggesting economic wage rates apply in Cannock.

GRAHAME WIGGIN
UKIP Cannock Chase

Food banks needed now more than ever

IN regards to Amanda Milling not attending the food bank celebration, perhaps this is because they are needed now more than ever through her party's policies. ("MP damned either way", October 26).

She had no problem attending a photo opportunity at the Miners Memorial in Hednesford.

Was it not her glorious former leader Maggie Thatcher who called us 'the enemy within' when we were fighting for our jobs and our futures, much the same as people are today. Same old Tories. No shame.

AR, FORMER MINER
Cannock

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A Freedom of Information request revealed that Staffordshire Police have issued 336 fines and penalty point endorsements since March 1, when stricter regulations around using mobile phones while driving were introduced.

Drivers who use a hand-held phone now face receiving six points on their licence and a £200 fine – up from the previous three points and £100.

However, the rules continue to be ignored across the county, with police chiefs stating that Community Speed Watch groups are now sending information to the police informing them of people they have seen using their phone while driving.

Prevent

Michelle Shaker from the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership said: "When new legislation was introduced we saw a spike in the number of penalties being issued as part of the national awareness campaign.

"Moving forward, enforcement of the new law is about ensuring motorists understand the level of risk in using a mobile phone whilst driving and most importantly in changing their behaviour to prevent them from exposing others to their risk.

"Some of our Community Speed Watch volunteers are keen to keep their roads safe for everyone and have identified road safety isn't just about monitoring speeding vehicles," Ms Shaker added.

"Recently our groups have been monitoring the number of drivers using a hand-held device and are reporting back to us on whether drivers have taken heed of the new law. At this stage we're only monitoring the data captured by the volunteers.

"In the future we may send warning letters or an educational leaflet alerting drivers of the dangers."

Real kitchen sink drama

Seasonal special – the cast of Absurd Person Singular

A DRAMA group is presenting an Alan Ayckbourn seasonal special ahead of the festive period.

Whittington Players take the stage with Absurd Person Singular from November 23 to 25 at the village hall. Set in the 1970s, it follows the fortunes of three wildly incompatible couples over three consecutive Christmases.

Ayckbourn based his drama on the observation that you can discern much about a person from their kitchen.

Directors Charlie Barker and Sue Evans said: "We realised that the play would prove challenging and that has certainly been the case.

"But, nevertheless it has been well worth it and watching the cast and set develop each week has been amazing."

Tickets are £8 available on 01543 490355 or 07868 493180.

Fitness boost hope with transfer of leisure centre

BURNTWOOD Leisure Centre is set to be taken over by a trust – with bosses hoping the move will lead to a fitness boost.

By Jordan Harris

Lichfield District Council's cabinet has agreed to outsource the management of the centre to Freedom Leisure. The final details of the agreement are set to be agreed over the coming weeks.

Friary Grange Leisure Centre in Lichfield has also been earmarked for a similar takeover by the same body. All staff at the two sites are expected to be retained and moved onto the books of Freedom Leisure, which runs a number of centres nationwide.

Councillor Iain Eadie, cabinet member for leisure at the council, said: "We're delighted to be working with Freedom Leisure as our preferred bidder and hope that the contract negotiations go smoothly.

"Freedom Leisure manage a large suite of leisure centres nationwide and are committed to improving leisure facilities locally, boosting usage and offering great staff development schemes.

"We've decided to outsource the management of two of our leisure centres as we must use our resources as effectively as possible while encouraging more people to be active more often.

"Where outsourcing has happened in other parts of the country, such as Cannock and Rugeley, participation levels have gone up, and people have benefited from enhanced leisure services."

Freedom Leisure is a not-for-profit leisure trust that has invested millions into improving facilities, equipment and services. Its managing director Ivan Horsfall-Turner said: "We are delighted to have been selected as Lichfield District Council's preferred bidder.

"We hope that our operational expertise, coupled with this local approach, will mean that the services will go from strength to strength."

Avril Hammond and Ellie Davison, volunteer group leaders of the Horizon single parent and Midday Mayhem young parent group, celebrate with Jaycob

£1m plea for tunnel hits £400k

A £1 MILLION campaign to build a canal tunnel under the Cross-City Line has raised £400,000 less than a year after its launch.

Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust is planning to build the tunnel at the same time as the construction of a Southern Bypass tunnel.

The news comes after the Department for Transport agreed to allocate £5m towards the £17.3m cost of the final phase of the bypass linking Birmingham Road with London Road.

Trust chairperson Christine Bull said: "We are pleased to have this confirmation that the bypass tunnel will go ahead, as it means ours will too.

"The 2020 completion date means we know how long we've got to raise the money for the project, and we are confident we will."

MP on Dates programme

MICHAEL Fabricant is appearing on Celebrity First Dates today (Thursday).

The Lichfield MP is not taking any fee for the programme. "Instead £20,000 will be donated by Channel 4 to the Stand Up To Cancer charity run by Cancer Research UK," he said.

"It was a sometimes terrifying whirlwind date – I have never done a totally blind date before.

"But you need to tune in to see what happens!"

Sparklers celebrate two years

THE volunteer-run organisation in Burntwood that provides services for families with under-fives is celebrating turning two.

Spark marked the occasion with a party for all of its volunteers and families at the Little Green Frog play cafe in Lichfield.

The organisation has gone from strength to strength with the help of the local community, businesses and grants, and offers a wealth of pregnancy, baby and early years activities at its centre next to Springhill Academy in Burntwood.

Spark director Esther Allen said: "We had such a fantastic time celebrating our birthday. I cannot thank our volunteers and supporters enough. The Sparklers are remarkable!"

For details, call 07762 204317 or email info@sparkburntwood.co.uk

Bungalows scheme is submitted to council

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Caravan 1 and 2, A & J Business Park, New Road, Burntwood – erection of two bungalows to replace two mobile homes.

7 Manifold Close, Burntwood – works to oak tree; crown thin and branch reduction.

50 Holly Grove Lane, Burntwood – single and two-storey side extension to form garage, store and bedroom with en suite.

19 Bells Lane, Burntwood – single-storey rear bedroom extension.

6 Spencer Drive, Burntwood – replacement building for dog grooming salon and changes to working hours (amendment to application 14/00553/COU).

7 Moor View, Commonside, Gentleshaw – single-storey rear and two-storey side extension to form kitchen/diner, lounge, utility, bathroom and bedroom with en suite.

Duke Of Wellington, 149 Birmingham Road, Lichfield – erection of replacement smoking shelter and installation of bi-folding doors in bar area to rear.

Pets At Home, Unit C, Lichfield Retail Park, Vulcan Road, Lichfield – external illuminated replacement signs.

The Oaks, Parchfield House Farm, Colton Road, Colton – construction of access road.

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U3A celebrations are piece of cake

From left, Valma Cooper, Julie Bould, Elaine Holton, Sheila Simpson, Barry James, Irene Bohanan, Hedley James, David Clissold

MORE than 90 members of Cannock Chase U3A met at Oak Farm Hotel to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

The event was organised by Irene Bohanan and Valma Cooper, with members enjoying a buffet, and entertainment from Kate's Party.

A cake made by Betty Watkin was cut by an original founder member, membership secretary David Clissold.

Cannock Chase U3A is a voluntary community organisation in the Cannock area which promotes lifelong learning for fun and fulfilment for people who have retired or are semi-retired.

It runs 15 interest groups from Tai Chi, through French, Italian, and local history to Science & Technology, and holds a monthly speaker's meeting as well as social events and outings. Anyone interested in making new friends with people who have similar interests can call 01543 278303, email cannockchaseu3a@gmail.com or visit www.u3asites.org.uk/cannock-chase

Group asks for support on Better district bid

BURNTWOOD Action Group (BAG) is holding a public meeting this month to discuss future development schemes in the district.

Organisers are hoping that the meeting will provide the opportunity to gain support for the creation of a Better Burntwood Group. Residents and local councillors have been invited to attend.

By David Banner

"Burntwood Action Group sees the need for a wider group of residents, businesses, schools and councillors to be involved in shaping Burntwood's development and avoid further ad-hoc growth which, to date, has resulted in a sprawling conurbation," BAG press officer Ken Leadbeater said.

"To that end, it will be providing the forum for the formation of the Better Burntwood Group, which will identify outstanding problems, suggest remedies and work with decision makers.

"In addition to inviting all Burntwood residents through our own newsletter, leaders of Lichfield District Council, relevant Staffordshire County Councillors and all Burntwood and Hammerwich Town/Parish Councillors have also been invited.

"Councillor Ian Pritchard, deputy leader of Lichfield District Council and cabinet member for economic growth, environment and development services, has agreed to update the meeting on the Local Plan."

The meeting is at St Matthews Social Club, in St Matthews Road, Burntwood, on Wednesday, November 15 starting at 8pm.

Organisations or residents wishing to express an interest in joining the Better Burntwood Group should call 01543 686975 or email vicchamberlain@yahoo.co.uk

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Make memories at hidden gem

Owner Duncan Sandy has invited Luke Stanley to join The Soup Kitchen team as managing director

Luke Stanley and members of The Soup Kitchen team

Sundaes are on the menu

Enjoy a slice of freshly baked cake

Take a walk up Stafford's historic Church Lane on a crisp and frosty winter's morning, full of hope that the first batch of scones will be out of the oven.

Duncan opens the door and welcomes you in to warm up by the fire with a hot cup of coffee. The scones are ready and already people are flooding in for their breakfast.

The Soup Kitchen is so much more than a coffee house, it's a place where memories are made with friends and loved ones.

To many more, The Soup Kitchen was a "hidden gem" that once discovered, has become a part of their everyday life, with some customers visiting twice a day.

It's not just the scones, cakes and pastries baked freshly every day, hot coffee and home-cooked food people come far and wide for, but the high standard of friendly and personal service which Duncan, Luke and the team deliver effortlessly.

Duncan added: "It's not like we have to work hard at it either, you soon come to realise that the people who work at The Soup Kitchen, love working there."

Veronica Bright, for example, has worked at The Soup Kitchen for nearly 30 years.

She said: "It's a lovely place to work and the customers are so lovely."

Louise Ball has also been the mainstay of the team for over 25 years. She added: "When you've worked here as long as I have, the customers are more like friends. It's a great place to call work."

The Soup Kitchen is in Stafford's historic and beautiful Church Lane and is thought to have been built in the 1500s.

In the 1861 Census, number 3 Church Lane is listed as 'Refreshment Rooms' and since 1871 it has been known as The Soup Kitchen, a name which has remained unchanged for 146 years.

In 1980 Duncan's father, Freddie Sandy, bought The Soup Kitchen with an idea of creating a place where "Children and Families are Welcome, Grannies Adored".

Since then, this bustling eating house has grown and grown and can now seat over 300 people on its various floors, its nooks and crannies and the delightful roof top garden.

In 1992, Duncan bought The Soup Kitchen and ever since has strived to deliver all that his father taught him, with great pride.

Commercial feature

Experience

As every successful business person knows, attention to detail is very important. Looking to the future Duncan took the opportunity to invite a respected member of the catering community, Luke Stanley, to join The Soup Kitchen as managing director.

With over 25 years' experience in local restaurants and hotels, they form a formidable team.

Luke said: "We have just completed a major renovation of our lounges at The Soup Kitchen. We worked hard to introduce elements which would complement our historic building without losing the character and essence of The Soup Kitchen that so many people love."

The conservatory is to become a gallery, showcasing art from local students at Stafford College. The gallery features a fabulous, steam bent light pendant, handcrafted by the award-winning Tom Raffield.

Duncan's aunt, Lynda Banks, an expert seamstress, has worked tirelessly to ensure every single seat and settle was re-upholstered on time.

Duncan said, "It's been an enormous investment. We've selected only the very best materials and only bought British wherever possible and we are so pleased.

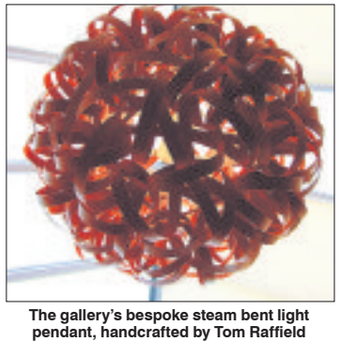
"The standard of the finish and the quality of the furnishings is incredible, I couldn't have asked for more. People have been very positive with their comments and we can't wait to hear what more of our loyal customers think in the coming weeks."

One of Luke's first decisions as managing director was to promote Kate Reeves and Sarah Cottingham to lead operations in the busy kitchens. The results so far have been fabulous and they are busily preparing for the festive season.

Alongside Luke, Alana Selwood has joined The Soup Kitchen to lead the front of house team. Alana was so excited to be offered the position and said: "This is such an important step for me in my career, it's going to be a great challenge and I am so lucky to be working with so many friendly staff. I have been made to feel so welcome."

Duncan said: "This is such an exciting time in the history of The Soup Kitchen and for our county town of Stafford. We've heard recently about the £1.7m investment into our award-winning Victoria Park, exciting plans on the horizon for The Shire Hall and the new cinema opening in the New Year.

"Stafford is certainly on the up. We are ready to welcome visitors to The Soup Kitchen and to our beautiful town."



The gallery's bespoke steam bent light pendant, handcrafted by Tom Raffield

The venue has had a major renovation

Plant burns bright with Carry Fire

ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

ROBERT Plant, the Black Country's Prince of Wails, returns with Carry Fire, his first album in three years.

It has to rate as one of his finest albums since the demise of Led Zeppelin as an ongoing project, sounding fresh but with echoes of former glories.

Surrounded by his expert ensemble of rock and folk musicians – The Sensational Shapeshifters – Plant kicks off with The May Queen, freewheeling acoustic guitar and a vibe close to Zep's Bron-Yr-Aur Stomp and Gallows Pole.

The lower register of the 69-year-old rock god's voice means he has never sounded more vulnerable, mellow and warmly mortal. This adds a poignant quality to the dustblown Season's Song and rolling elegiac Dance With You Tonight. There is a sense of foreboding on A Way With Words and Heaven Sent, the latter a song that Lane Del Ray would covet.

Carving Up The World, with its skiffle rhythm and nice blues licks, is a rocking riposte to Brexit and Trumpism, New World an anti-colonial sequel to Immigrant Song and Bones Of Saints rails against warmongers.

The world music element is brought to the fore on the title track with its North African and Spanish influences, both Moorish and very moreish. Plant duets with Chrissie Hynde on a psychedelic blues revamp of old rockabilly number Bluebirds Over The Mountain.

Robert Plant and the Shapeshifters sound fresh but also echo former glories

Plant brings his Shapeshifters for gigs at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on November 20 and Birmingham Symphony Hall on December 12.

On the cusp of the big time since their 2015 debut My Love Is Cool and a storming Glastonbury set last year, London indie outfit **Wolf Alice** have become the UK's premier alt-rock band.

Blending shoegaze guitar swirl with grungy hard rock, dream pop and even haunted folk, Visions Of A Life, second album from the four-piece fronted by Ellie Rowsell, matches the ferocity and energy of their live performances.

There are plenty of contrasts, such as the sweary riot grrrl blast of Yuk Foo (you can guess the sentiment) with the sweet yet steely vulnerability of Ellie's vocal on Planet Hunter.

Formidable Cool is a hard-hitting song about a date rape creep, the dark and claustrophobic Sky Musings use the fear of flying as a metaphor whilst Space & Time is a punk rocker for the mosh pits.

Don't Delete The Kisses is classic bitter-sweet Wolf Alice with half-spoken vocal and a potent chorus, and Beautiful Unconventional is a new indie anthem. Sadboy is a propulsive grower and St Purple & Green a slow burning ballad.

The psych-folk of After The Zero Hour and the title track, a rock epic with oriental feel, have a Led Zeppelin atmosphere.

Wolf Alice are in concert at Birmingham O2 Academy on November 16.

The Hawklords, featuring former Hawkwind members Harvey Bainbridge and Jerry Richards, are stuck in a timewarp of a 1970s future past on new album Six.

But the retro synths and space rock riffs have a certain strangeness and charm, despite some clunky cliched lyrics. Prog rocking epics Nightside and Los Cavatina are the highlights.

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Pam: My show's not just for old folk

Pam Ayres has been a writer, broadcaster, and entertainer for more than 40 years. She is one of the few authors who has had books in the Sunday Times bestseller charts in almost every decade since the 1970s. She is the author of several best-selling poetry collections, including The Works, With These Hands, Surgically Enhanced and You Made Me Late Again!.

And many of her poems are in school textbooks around the world including the UK, USA, China, Australia, New Zealand, Holland, South Africa, Ireland and Singapore.

In 2016, once again, the most borrowed poetry book in UK Libraries was Pam's most recent book, You Made Me Late Again. And this year she's back on the road with a new tour that reaches Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on Saturday.

Pam is one of the most popular female comedians performing in UK theatres. Her autobiography, The Necessary Aptitude, was the UK's bestselling female autobiography of 2011, and her 2013 book of poetry, You Made Me Late Again, went straight into the Sunday Times bestseller lists.

A way with words – Pam's tour reaches the Grand on Saturday

ROYAL

She has appeared three times for HM The Queen – at the Silver Jubilee Royal Variety Performance in 1977, at a Royal Gala Charity Reception at St James Palace in 1996, when Pam, as the only entertainer, performed part of her solo stage show, and finally at Sandringham Women's Institute in 2004, when the Queen attended in her capacity as President of the Sandringham WI.

Subsequently, she was honoured to be awarded the MBE in Queen's Birthday Honours of 2004.

She is presently performing in more than 30 theatre and festival shows and is delighted to be back.

"I hope it will be fun. I'm on stage for two hours and I'll be using poems and stories and anecdotes and jokes. You have to vary it as much as you possibly can. I'll use old and new poems – things like I Wish I'd Looked After My Teeth.

"I'll use sad pieces too. We moved house after 28 years, which just about broke my heart, and I realise that's a commonly-shared feeling. There's also a piece about when children go to uni and the great gulf that leaves in your life.

"It's new and old. I always try and move it on all the time. I don't go round doing the same thing. I keep a very careful record of what I've said in a particular theatre. I try to write new material all the time and I've had a good writing period last winter."

There's no surefire way to write a brilliant new poem. Pam has to wait until the muse strikes and surf those creative ways.

"The process is waiting and praying for a good idea. That's the crux of it. It's to get a good idea that will strike a chord with lots of other people. Those things aren't that easy to find.

"I've been writing about long distance flying recently, that's come together quite well. It's looking for a good idea, then I work on it in the mornings. I go in each morning and work on the ideas I've got. I try to approach the subject from all sorts of different angles.

"A lot of my time is spent groping for good ideas. When I find one, I'm delighted. I try and do something good with it. You have to find something people will identify with."

Pam's a predominantly older audience but social media has allowed her to connect with a new generation. She is on Twitter and is constantly surprised about the new young people who come along.

"I do little political tweets and a bit of sniping from the sidelines, that's brought in quite an interesting new audience.

"It's not a show aimed at the old. I get three generations."

She is proud that performance poetry is now mainstream and feels a sense of kinship with new stars.

"I look now at the number of performance poets that there are and I do feel that it's partly down to me. Because I don't know of anybody except Cyril Fletcher who was doing his odd odes, sitting in an armchair and doing a bit of verse, who opened up the doors to it.

FLATTERING

"There was no-one going around with funny poems, using those as the main thrust of the evening. Phill Jupitus said to me 'you are the reason I'm a performance poet'. I didn't set out to be a performance poet. I wrote those things and If I'd been musical I'd have made them into funny songs. But I couldn't do that and everybody fell about laughing when I spoke them and that was good enough. I do feel a lot of people came after me, which is flattering."

Touring is bliss and she finds herself playing in Gibraltar, Althorp and Dubai, among other places. "You finish in all these amazing spots that you'd never in 100 years go to unless you did it for a living.

"I don't like the travel because the roads are busier but I love talking to an audience is great. I'm not as scared as I was at the beginning. If you are successful on a talent show these days you are thrown to enormous audiences before you're ready. Well, I'm not new but I still love it."

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The show's full of new and old. I try and move it on all the time

Paul Bradley and Jessie Wallace

Soap stars head cast in classic spine-chiller

Former EastEnders stars Paul Bradley and Jessie Wallace head the cast in Ira Levin's classic thriller Deathtrap at the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, next week.

Directed by Adam Penford, it runs rom November 7 to 11.

BAFTA nominated actress Wallace, and Bradley, who is also well-known as Elliott Hope in Holby City, a role he played for 10 years, will be joined by Sam Phillips, Beverly Klein and Julien Ball.

One of the most successful plays in its genre, Deathtrap centres on Sidney Bruhl (Bradley), a once successful writer of stage thrillers, who is in the grip of chronic writer's block. Out of the blue, young playwright Clifford Anderson (Phillips) sends Bruhl one of the only two copies of his brilliant new whodunnit, Deathtrap. Desperate to set Broadway alight once more, Bruhl spies his chance to invite Clifford to his remote country home, bringing the only other copy of Deathtrap with him.

If Bruhl can kill the newcomer and pass the play off as his own, he could once again be the toast of Broadway.

A spine-chiller guaranteed to keep the audience on their edge of their seats, Deathtrap continues to hold the record as the longest running thriller in Broadway history. It was subsequently made into a hit film starring Michael Caine and Christopher Reeve.

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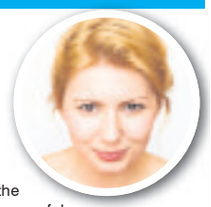

A TALENT show finalist has the beautiful role of Carole King in a musical about the songwriter's life. Beautiful – The Carole King Musical is being staged at the Birmingham Hippodrome next week.

It stars Bronté Barbé, pictured, a finalist in Andrew Lloyd Webber's BBC1 series Over The Rainbow in 2010. She has since appeared on stage in both London's West End and around the UK and was last seen locally at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre as Princess Fiona in Shrek – The Musical. She will be joined by Kane Oliver Parry as King's husband and songwriting partner Gerry Goffin, with Amy Ellen Richardson and Matthew Gonsalves as fellow songwriters Cynthia Weil, and Barry Mann. Life Without George star Carol Royle is King's mother Genie Klein and Adam Howden is publisher and producer Donnie Kirshner.

The Olivier, Tony and Grammy Award-winning West End and Broadway musical tells the inspiring true story of King's rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with Goffin, to her relationship with Weil and Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history.

Along the way, she wrote the best-selling album Tapestry, which featured the likes of (You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman and You've Got a Friend.

Other classics include It Might as Well Rain Until September and The Locomotion.

Showtimes are at 7.30pm, Tuesday to Saturday, with matinees on Wednesday and Thursday at 2pm and on Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are from £18. See bookings. birminghamhippodrome.com

Top acts appear in hair-raising festival

Big names appear in Wolverhampton as part of a comedy festival that will see more than 120 events staged across the city. Jimmy Carr is at the Civic tomorrow (Friday), prankster Lee Nelson is at the Wulfrun on the same night and the wacky Milton Jones, pictured, at the Civic the following night.

In Birmingham, Joe Brown is at Town Hall on Saturday, the same night Jamiroquai play at the Arena. ABC/Kid Creole perform at the Symphony Hall on Monday.

Strictly legal – and one Elle of a musical

EastEnders' Rita Simons, UK Eurovision entrant and former Coronation Street and Emmerdale actor Bill Ward star in a major new UK tour of Legally Blonde – The Musical, which runs at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton next week.

Centring on Elle Woods, who heads to Harvard Law School after her boyfriend dumps her for someone more serious, it runs from November 7 to 11.

Press & PR manager Scott Bird said: "This is a hugely exciting cast to be presenting Legally Blonde The Musical at the Grand Theatre in the first professional production of the show to play here."

Showtimes are Tuesday-Thursday 7.30pm, Friday at 5pm and 8.30pm and Saturday at 2.30 and 7.30pm. For tickets from £19.50, with a £3 booking fee, call 01902 429212 or visit grandtheatre.co.uk

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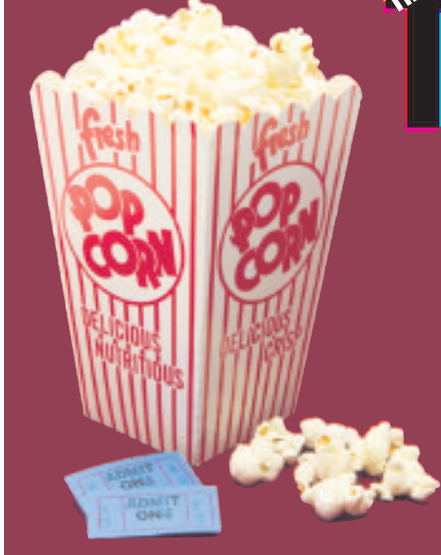

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SATURDAY'S TV NOVEMBER 4

CHOICE

Scott Bakula and Lucas Black

NCIS: New Orleans (Channel 5, 10pm)

New series. The naval crime drama spin-off returns, picking up with Pride and his team in the wake of the departure of Meredith Brody, who left for good after a close call with a terrorist. Concerns are raised about whether the unit has been irreparably compromised, and FBI special agent Tammy Gregorio is assigned to discover the truth. However, the agents are quickly given a chance to prove their effectiveness, as they co-ordinate with various other federal agencies to track down a sniper targeting special events across New Orleans. Starring Scott Bakula, Lucas Black, Vanessa Ferlito, Rob Kerkovich, Daryl Mitchell, Shalita Grant, CCH Pounder, Derek Webster, Doris Morgado, Jared Day and Steven Weber.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Rugby League World Cup. **2.45 Film:** Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted. (2012) Animated comedy, with the voice of Ben Stiller. **4.10** Final Score. **5.10** Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme. **5.40** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Lucy Porter, Rob Deering, Rachel and Stanley Johnson, John Shuttleworth, Dave Gorman, Carol McGiffin and Charlotte Crosby all take part in the unorthodox quiz show.

6.50 Strictly Come Dancing. The pressure for the pro-celebrity couples remains as high as ever, as the competition enters its seventh weekend. The 10 remaining duos once again take to the dance-floor to demonstrate whether another week of rigorous training has improved their footwork, while judges Shirley Ballas, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell assess their performance. Each star will be hoping to claim a high score from the adjudicators, placing them in a better position to avoid facing a dreaded elimination dance-off following the public vote.

8.20 Casualty. New junior doctor Rash faces nightmare first day in the ED, and Lily must listen to either her head or her heart as she decides whether to take a research position in Hong Kong.

9.10 Gunpowder. Catesby and his gang load the tunnels below Parliament with gunpowder, but across the city, Father Garnet faces pressure to betray them to the authorities. Last in the series.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including West Ham United v Liverpool.

11.50 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Thursday night's game, plus a look at the major stories shaping the NFL.

12.20 Film: The Double. (2011) **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 How We Won the War. (R) **6.45** Animal Park Summer Special. (R) **7.30** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **8.00** Deadly 60. (R) **8.30** Live Rugby League World Cup. **11.30** Coast. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends. (R) **1.00** Nigella: At My Table. (R) **1.30** Natural World. (R) **2.30** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.30** Italy Unpacked. (R) **4.30** Mastermind. (R) **5.00** Flog It! (R)

6.00 The Big Family Cooking Showdown. The three most successful families return for the final, in which they prepare food for a big family get-together, including nibbles, main courses and desserts. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Britain Afloat. Mary-Ann Ochota reveals how a recreational sport developed by fisherman working on the Mersey led to the creation of pleasure sailing, and the formation of exclusive sailing clubs.

7.30 Front Row. Giles Coren presents an Agatha Christie-themed edition of the cultural review show, featuring an interview with Murder on the Orient Express director and star Kenneth Branagh.

8.00 Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands. Paul Murton journeys around the coast of the Long Island of Harris and Lewis, beginning on Scarp, travelling north to Great Bernera, then south east to Scalpay. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. The older members of the platoon take drastic action when they are threatened with being made air-raid wardens, transforming themselves in a bid to appear younger. (R)

9.00 Josh Widdicombe: What Do I Do Now. A recorded performance of the comedian's show at the Hammersmith Apollo, in which he vents his frustration at everything from an overflowing shower to his contactless debit card.

10.00 QI XL. With Aisling Bea, Joe Lycett and David Mitchell.

10.45 Later – with Jools Holland. Last in the series.

11.50 Film: Red Tails. (2012) Black US fighter pilots battle both the German air force and racism in their own ranks. Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Terrence Howard.

1.45 Film: Love. (2011) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.00** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.25** Gino's Italian Coastal Escape. (R) **11.55** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.50** The Harbour. (R) **1.20** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** The X Factor Live. (R) **3.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **3.55 Film:** Father of the Bride. (1991)

6.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs. Paul meets a pair of old labradors who cannot bear to be apart for one second and a tiny puppy with an anti-social behaviour problem. (R)

6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.35 ITV News; Weather.

6.50 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates another selection of hilarious home videos, including a toddler's explosive encounter with a cake, and a pole-dancer's disaster in a kitchen.

7.15 Ninja Warrior UK. Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara. (R)

8.20 The X Factor Live. Dermot O'Leary hosts as the nerve-jangling live stage of the talent contest continues, and the remaining acts step on-stage to face scrutiny at the hands of the judges.

10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show. Actress and director Jodie Foster, comedian and bestselling author David Walliams, and GameFace star Roisin Conaty join Jonathan for a chat, and Blondie perform in the studio.

11.10 ITV News; Weather.

11.25 Film: Forgetting Sarah Marshall. (2008) A jilted man takes a trip to Hawaii, only to find his ex and her new boyfriend are staying at the same resort. Romantic comedy, with Jason Segel and Kristen Bell.

1.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.25 Adventure Racing: Spartan Race Europe. **6.50** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.15** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.45** Frasier. (R) **8.10** Frasier. (R) **8.35** The Big Bang Theory. **9.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.55** The Simpsons. (R) **10.20** The Simpsons. (R) **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.20** The Simpsons. (R) **11.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.25** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **4.30** Best Laid Plans. **5.30** Location, Location, Location. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Volatile Earth: Killer Volcanoes. New series. The first of three documentaries in which scientists who are experts in the field of natural disasters identify the most extreme catastrophes to have ever occurred on Earth, piecing together the stories of these events via the debris left in their wake.

8.00 Pearl Harbour: The New Evidence. Documentary shedding light on whether there is any truth to conspiracy theorists' suggestions that London and Washington had been aware the Japanese were planning to assault the American naval base at Pearl Harbour in 1941, but refused to act on the intelligence as part of a plot to bring the full might of America's military into the Second World War. In the wake of the attack, an investigation into how US forces failed to anticipate the assault concluded that Admiral Husband Kimmel, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, had been guilty of dereliction of duty, a charge that left his career in tatters. (R)

9.00 Film: The Other Woman. (2014) A woman is devastated to learn her boyfriend is actually married, but when she meets his wife, they quickly become friends. When they discover he has a third secret lover, they decide to join forces and teach him a lesson. Comedy, starring Cameron Diaz.

11.10 Film: Unknown. (2011) Thriller, starring Liam Neeson.

1.15 The Last Leg SU2C Special. (R) **2.10** Hollyoaks. **4.20** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.15** Kirstie's Vintage Home. (R) **5.35** Draw It! (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.15** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.50** The Gadget Show. (R) **10.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.45 Film:** The 12 Gifts of Christmas. (2015) Comedy, starring Katrina Law. **1.25 Film:** The Christmas Card. (2006) Romantic drama, with John Newton and Alice Evans. **3.10 Film:** Christmas in the City. (2013) Drama, starring Ashley Williams. **4.10** 5 News Update. **4.15 Film:** Christmas in the City. (2013) Concluded. **5.00 Film:** A Mission for Christmas. (2015) Premiere. Christmas drama, starring Lindsey Gort.

6.00 5 News Update.

6.05 Film: A Mission for Christmas. (2015) Concluded.

6.45 Film: Rio Lobo. (1970) A former Union Army colonel heads for Texas to recover a shipment of gold bullion stolen from a payroll train during the American Civil War and settle a few old scores along the way. Howard Hawks' Western, starring John Wayne, Jorge Rivero, Christopher Mitchum, Jack Elam, Jennifer O'Neill and Mike Henry.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Bristol City v Cardiff City at Ashton Gate, Brentford v Leeds United at Griffin Park, and Aston Villa v Sheffield Wednesday at Villa Park.

10.00 NCIS: New Orleans. New series. The naval crime drama spin-off returns, as Pride and company co-ordinate with other federal agencies to track down a sniper targeting special events across New Orleans.

10.55 NCIS: New Orleans. The FBI gets involved in an investigation into the murder of a US Navy officer, in which Pride's friend Elvis Bertrand, a US Navy intelligence analyst, is the prime suspect.

11.50 Lip Sync Battle UK. Melanie Brown and Professor Green present the musical game show as actor Danny Dyer and dancer Craig Revel Horwood go head to head lip-synching to a hit song. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** The Yorkshire Vet. Peter Wright attends to a feisty Highland cow. (R) **4.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **4.50** Great Scientists. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.40** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 The Inca: Masters of the Clouds **8.00** Gunpowder 5/11: The Greatest Terror Plot **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.35** The Vietnam War **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.55** Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies **2.55** The Inca: Masters of the Clouds **3.55** Close

ITV2

12.20 Take Me Out **1.30** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **2.00 Film:** See Spot Run (2001) **3.00** FYI Daily **3.05 Film:** See Spot Run (2001) **4.05 Film:** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10 Film:** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **6.10 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **7.15** FYI Daily **7.20 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad! **12.50** Timewasters **1.20** Bromans **2.20** Viral Tap **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

11.05 Film: Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo (1990) **1.05** Foyle's War **3.10** Midsomer Murders **11.00** The Syndicate **12.05** Foyle's War **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.25 Shed and Buried **1.30** ITV Racing Live from Ascot and Wetherby. Coverage of today's race meetings at Ascot and Wetherby. **4.00** Pawn Stars **4.55** Hornblower **7.00** Live World Series of Darts Finals. Coverage of day two from Glasgow. **11.00 Film:** The Glimmer Man (1996) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** The Glimmer Man (1996) **12.50** The Sweeney **1.50** The Classic Car Show **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 Film: Toy Story OF TERROR! (2013) **12.00** How I Met Your Mother **1.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off: The Final **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Iron Man 2 (2010) The hero battles a vengeful new foe, but finds the armour he created to fight evil is killing him. Adventure, with Robert Downey Jr. **11.25** Gogglebox **1.30** Naked Attraction **2.35** Rude Tube **3.25** Tattoo Fixers **4.20** How I Met Your Mother **5.05** Black-ish

Film4

11.00 Bridge to Terabithia (2007) **1.00** Coneheads (1993) **2.40** Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) **4.45** Earthquake (1974) **7.10** Legend (1985) **9.00** 47 Ronin (2013) **11.15** The Transporter (2002) **1.00** Dog Soldiers (2002) **3.15** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV NOVEMBER 5

CHOICE

Indira Varma

Unspeakable (Channel 4, 9pm)
One-off drama, starring Indira Varma as a mother who receives an anonymous text message warning her that her 11-year-old daughter is being abused by her new boyfriend, who has only just moved in with her. Unable to share her fears with anyone else, she succumbs to paranoia over the course of a weekend. Luke Treadaway, Neil Maskell, Kate Ashfield, Will Thorp, Nina Sorrentino, Lucas Bond, Jordan Whyte, Anil Desai, Sophie Brooke, Alison Garner, Ffion Jolly, Lucinda Holloway and Abigail Wisdom also star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Points of View. **1.30** Lifeline. **1.45** FA Cup Final Score. **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** Blue Planet II. (R) **5.35** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 Panorama. In-depth current affairs report.

6.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker reports on a new charter to protect Britain's woodlands and Ellie Harrison meets seal pups at Skomer in a special episode themed around Autumn.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing – The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal the results of last night's show before another couple leave the contest. Featuring a musical performance from Stereophonics.

8.00 Blue Planet II. Creatures that live in volcanic hot spots on the ocean bed, areas that reach temperatures hot enough to melt lead and which may hold the secrets behind all life on Earth. Other strange creatures from the depths of the sea include bone-eating worms, fish that walk rather than swim, and hordes of squid. Plus, footage of sharks in a feeding frenzy over the dead body of a whale and the wildlife of the Midnight Zone in the Pacific, an area that never receives any natural light, forcing creatures to rely on their own bioluminescence.

9.00 The Last Post. Joe's future in the army hangs in the balance, as Honor struggles with the revelations about his past. Markham is torn between his duty and his conscience. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, including Chelsea v Manchester United a and Manchester City v Arsenal.

11.45 Ronny Chieng: International Student. New series. Sitcom starring the comedian as a Malaysian student who comes to an Australian university to study law. Ronnie enters a drinking contest to win access to a book.

12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 How We Won the War. (R) **6.35** A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.20** Great British Garden Revival. (R) **8.20** The Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. (R) **11.30** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Natural World – Echo: The Unforgettable Elephant. (R) **2.00** Wild Brazil. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **4.00** Rugby League World Cup. **5.30** MOTD: FA Cup Highlights.

7.00 Top Gear. Matt LeBlanc drives an eight-wheeled rescue vehicle from Russia, Rory Reid turns the world's ugliest car into a luxury yacht, and Chris Harris reviews the new Porsche Cayman. Jamiroquai frontman Jay Kay is the studio guest. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Robot Wars. Dara Ó Briain and Angela Scanlon present the third round, with robots Apex, Vulture, Terrorhurtz, Track-Tion, Bucky the Robot and Rapid battling it out. Among the contestants controlling the machines are a group of schoolchildren who are this series' youngest entrants and a team that has spent more money on their robot than any of their rivals.

9.00 Film: Louis Theroux: My Scientology Movie. (2015) Premiere. The reporter investigates the controversial religious organisation, but finds himself denied access to anyone involved. Adopting a different approach, he resorts to recruiting actors to re-enact the personal stories of former members – only to find his project is under surveillance by representatives of the church.

10.35 Snowfall. Franklin causes trouble by bringing his drunken father to Jerome and Louie's July 4 barbecue. Teddy and Alejandro crash land in the Mexican desert while flying back from Nicaragua.

11.20 Film: The Ring. (2002) A journalist investigates teenage deaths linked to a videotape, which is rumoured to cause the demise of anyone who watches it. Horror remake, with Naomi Watts and Martin Henderson.

1.05 Sign Zone: Question Time. David Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire, where panellists include former Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale and the Stagecoach founder Brian Souter. (R) **2.05** Holby City. (R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Make It Pop. (R) **9.00** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00 Film:** Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo. (1990) **1.00** ITV News; Weather. **1.10** The X Factor Live. (R) **2.50** Catchphrase. (R) **3.35** Ball and Boe: Back Together. (R) **4.35** A Very Royal Wedding. (R) **5.50** Regional Programme ; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.10 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh presents as celebrity contestants Hannah Mills, Chris Ramsey, Dion Dublin and Lesley Garrett pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.

7.05 The X Factor Live. Dermot O'Leary hosts the second of this weekend's two live shows, as the acts strive to ensure a place in next week's episodes – while judges Simon Cowell, Sharon Osbourne, Nicole Scherzinger and Louis Walsh will be hoping to ensure their favoured acts make it through to the next stage.

9.00 Sheridan. Sheridan Smith performs songs from her debut album as well as other favourite numbers, accompanied by a live orchestra. In between musical numbers, she chats to Alexander Armstrong about her career.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Peston on Sunday. (R)

11.15 Car Crash Britain: Caught on Camera. Documentary focusing on crashes, miracle escapes and bad driving, with stories including a daughter's tribute to her dad's life-saving driving skills. (R)

12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Kevin Can Wait. **6.25** Kevin Can Wait. **6.50** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.15** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** The Great British Bake Off: The Final. (R) **4.45** Channel 4 News. **5.15 Film:** Paddington. (2014) Family comedy, starring Hugh Bonneville.

7.00 Escape. Five engineers are stranded in Arctic conditions and must assemble a vehicle to escape in from the wreckage of a snowmobile and a light aircraft. The team combines skills ranging from aircraft mechanics to vehicle engineering – but struggle to agree on exactly what they should be building. With Ant Middleton.

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Marne-Rhine Canal in Alsace and Lorraine, close to France's border with Germany and running through forests, mountains and valleys. They get to grips with an unfamiliar system of locks, sample local wines, and pay a visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

9.00 Unspeakable. One-off drama, starring Indira Varma as a mother who receives an anonymous text message warning her that her 11-year-old daughter is being abused by her new boyfriend, who has only just moved in with her. Unable to share her fears with anyone else, she succumbs to paranoia over the course of a weekend.

10.00 Gogglebox: Celebrity Special for SU2C. Critiques of popular and topical TV shows, featuring some well-known faces appearing in support of the Stand Up to Cancer initiative. (R)

11.00 Film: The Railway Man. (2013) The wife of a former prisoner of war tries to learn the truth about the traumatic events that haunt her husband. Fact-based drama, with Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman.

1.05 The Supervet. (R) **2.00** A Summer to Save My Life. (R) **2.55** Gillette World Sport. **3.20** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.45** Mobil 1 The Grid. (R) **4.15** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.10** Draw It! (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.35** Wissper. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.45** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.45** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.15** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.30** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.50** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.25** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.20** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3. (R) **11.45 Film:** A Husband for Christmas. (2016) **1.30 Film:** Coming Home for Christmas. (2013) Premiere. Drama, starring Carly and Britt McKillip. **3.10 Film:** Let It Snow. (2013) Premiere. Drama, starring Candace Cameron Bure. **4.10** 5 News Update. **4.15 Film:** Let It Snow. (2013) **4.55** 5 News Weekend. **5.00 Film:** Grease. (1978)

6.00 5 News Update.

6.05 Film: Grease. (1978) Concluded.

7.15 Grease: Before & After They Were Stars. The stories of the cast of Grease, from their careers before the movie to their lives afterwards.

8.15 Rugby on 5: Anglo Welsh Cup Highlights. Action from the matchday one pool fixtures in the domestic rugby union competition, which included Exeter Chiefs v Northampton Saints, Saracens v Harlequins and London Irish v Bath.

9.00 The Grease Story. The story behind the classic movie musical. The programme examines the original stage musical in the early 1970s, which starred a young Richard Gere, and at the changes that occurred between stage and screen, including the addition of several new songs and toning down the original show's darker elements.

10.30 Most Shocking Moments in Pop. A countdown of outrageous events and scandals from pop world, including Miley Cyrus's performance at 2013 VMAs and Britney Spears shaving her head. (R)

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.00** Inside Britain's Biggest Mosque. (R) **4.50** Great Artists. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00 Film:** October: 10 Days That Shook the World (1928) **9.40** Ceremony: Return of Friedrich Engels **10.40** The Space: Parade **11.10 Film:** Gulag (1985) **2.10** Russia – A Century of Suspicion: A Timewatch Guide **3.10** Close

ITV2
11.05 2Awesome: Third Wheel **11.25** The X Factor Live **1.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.45 Film:** Bean (1997) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55 Film:** Bean (1997) **3.30 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **4.30** FYI Daily **4.35 Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **5.20 Film:** Clash of the Titans (2010) **6.20** FYI Daily **6.25 Film:** Clash of the Titans (2010) **7.25 Film:** Pacific Rim (2013) **8.25** FYI Daily **8.30 Film:** Pacific Rim (2013) **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** Release the Hounds: Halloween Special **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3
12.55 Heidi **3.05 Film:** Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) **5.00** Lewis **9.00** The Syndicate **10.05** Honest **11.10 Film:** The Constant Gardener (2005) **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25 Film:** The Constant Gardener (2005) **1.40** The Knock **2.35** Mr Selfridge **3.25** Wycliffe **5.15** Judge Judy **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
12.45 Live World Series of Darts Finals. Coverage of the quarter-finals from Glasgow. **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.50** Snooker v Darts **7.00** Live World Series of Darts Finals. Coverage of the semi-finals and final from Glasgow. **11.00 Film:** 6 Bullets (2012) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** 6 Bullets (2012) **1.15** The Sweeney **2.15** Storage Wars **2.35** British Touring Cars – Crashes and Smashes **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.00 Made in Chelsea **12.00** Don't Tell the Bride **1.00** The Goldbergs **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **3.30 Film:** Johnny English Reborn (2011) **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Battle: Los Angeles (2011) **11.20** Naked Attraction **12.25** Tattoo Fixers **1.30** Rude Tube **2.35** First Dates **3.25** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Vice Versa (1988) **1.00** Anna Karenina (2012) **3.45** Short Circuit 2 (1988) **6.05** The Hunger Games (2012) **9.00** American Ultra (2015) **10.50** Transporter 2 (2005) **12.30** Hitchcock (2012) **2.25** Black Rock (2012)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Carol Vorderman pays tribute to inspiring people

The Pride of Britain Awards remind us of the courage which still exists in every corner of the land said Prince Charles – and with that simple statement, he sums up the purpose of this annual event.

The ceremony started life in 1999 with the express intention to celebrate acts of bravery and selflessness from people whose actions would otherwise go unsung; these are ordinary folk with extraordinary stories.

Unfortunately, we're living in troubled times, which means that more such acts seem to have occurred this year than ever before – no doubt those sitting on the panel that decides who receives the trophies in each category have faced a tough time trying to work it all out.

But what each winner and nominee has in common is the fact that they did what they did while expecting nothing for it in return. In fact, they would probably claim they simply carried out a deed that anybody else would have done had they been in the same position.

Those receiving nominations have had their names put forward by members of the public, with the likes of former winner Katie Piper, Good Morning hosts Susannah Reid and Ben Shephard, and Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, sitting on a panel to decide who wins what – and there won't be a dry eye anywhere as the results are made public.

As for the famous faces taking part, well, there will be lots of them keen to show their appreciation.

We don't see that much of Carol Vorderman on the box these days, but she's hosted every Pride of Britain ceremony to date and she will be taking charge of this one too, which takes place at London's Grosvenor House.

Others set to participate include David Beckham, Simon Cowell, Michael Caine, Rod Stewart, Lenny Henry and Liam Payne, while politics will be represented by Prime Minister Theresa May and Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn; scientist extraordinaire Stephen Hawking is also expected to feature.

"I'm always delighted to take part in the Pride of Britain Awards," says Beckham. "The winners are always amazing, particularly the children. I think the bravery and courage they show is an example to us all."

"I have been to some awards in my time, but never to an awards like this," adds Caine. "It is the most extraordinary thing."

"There's too much celebrity culture in this country," claims Henry. "Pride of Britain is great because it celebrates people who aren't part of that world."

Among those to look out for are the members of the emergency services and NHS who assisted those affected by the terror attacks in Manchester and London, as well as the Grenfell Tower disaster.

Other winners include a quick-thinking four-year-old who saved her mum's life and a hairdresser whose story has inspired domestic violence victims to fight back.

Ashley Banjo acts as a roving reporter, speaking to winners and celebrities backstage.

Carol Vorderman hosts The Pride of Britain Awards, Tuesday, ITV, 8pm

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Mommy, Channel 4, 1.50am
A widow decides to take her violent teenage son out of the institution that has been his home for the past three years. However, his behaviour begins to spiral out of control, and she is forced to turn to a mysterious new neighbour for help. Drama, starring Anne Dorval and Antoine-Olivier Pilon. (2014)

TUESDAY
I'm Not Ready for Christmas, Channel 5, 3.15pm
When a compulsive fibber's niece makes a wish to Santa Claus, her world is turned upside down when it comes true and she is rendered incapable of lying. As her career and love life are jeopardised by her newfound honesty, she must learn to judge between telling the truth and doing what is right. Festive comedy, starring Alicia Witt and George Stults. (2015)

WEDNESDAY
Easy Virtue, BBC2, 12pm
A naive Englishman in the 1920s embarks on a passionate romance with a glamorous and sophisticated American while in the south of France, resulting in a hasty wedding. Romantic comedy based on Noel Coward's play, starring Jessica Biel, Ben Barnes, Kristin Scott Thomas and Colin Firth. (2008)

On the Waterfront, Friday, BBC2, 12pm

THURSDAY
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, BBC2, 12pm
A bumbling dreamer retreats into a fantasy world to escape grim reality, until an encounter with a mysterious woman sweeps him up into a real-life adventure. Comedy based on James Thurber's short story, starring Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo. (1947)

FRIDAY
On the Waterfront, BBC2, 12pm
A former prizefighter is reduced to completing errands for the gangsters running the dockyard unions. When he witnesses his boss's thugs commit murder, he is willing to keep his mouth shut – until his conscience is pricked by an outspoken priest and the dead man's sister, who hope to persuade him to testify against the crooks. Elia Kazan's Oscar-winning drama, starring Marlon Brando, Lee J Cobb and Eva Marie Saint (1954)

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Nigella: At My Table
BBC2, 8.30pm
Nigella Lawson serves up five more easy-to-make dishes, recipes that combine the comfort of the familiar and the exuberance of the new, rustling up her favourite weekend breakfast special in the shape of waffles. She also prepares dishes perfect for laidback entertaining in beef and aubergine fatteh, accompanied by Bulgar wheat with flaked almonds and nigella seeds, followed by her passion fruit ice-cream cake. Late-night inspiration comes in the form of a toasted brie, Parma ham and fig sandwich.

TUESDAY
The A Word
BBC1, 9pm
Return of the drama about an autistic child and his family. Two years on, in the Lake District, seven-year-old Joe is growing up. He has started to notice he's different from other kids. And when he says the word 'autistic' out loud, seeing it as something bad, Alison and Paul know they must talk to their son. But how do they broach the A word with a child for whom language is already a struggle? And how do they respond to the news that Joe is struggling at school more than they thought? Drama, starring Morven Christie, Lee Ingleby and Christopher Eccleston.

Motherland
BBC2, 10pm
Any sitcom in which Graham Linehan is involved will always be worth a watch. But when you add into the mix his wife Helen, Sharon Horgan and Holly Walsh as co-writers, then it becomes a must. Although Motherhood is a far cry from his most famous project, Father Ted, it went down a treat with viewers and critics alike when the pilot episode aired as part of the BBC's landmark sitcoms season last year. Heading the cast is Anna Maxwell-Martin, who clearly enjoys ditching her usual deadly serious roles for something far more light-hearted. She plays stressed-out mum Julia who, in the opening episode, is forced out of her comfort zone when she makes the mistake of agreeing to host a children's party.

WEDNESDAY
Big Life Fix: Children in Need Special
BBC2, 9pm
Eight-year-old Josh from London has a rare condition that means he was born completely blind and is unable to use his school's playground. Ayala, also eight, has cerebral palsy which has severely restricted her movements and makes it difficult for her to play with her twin sister, while 10-year-old Aman was left with severe brain damage following a car accident that has affected her memory, leaving her struggling to remember the teacher's instructions. Now, Simon Reeve is following some of the UK's leading designers and engineers as they attempt to help these three remarkable children with bright ideas ranging from a tactile 'yellow brick road' to a programme that transcribes a teacher's spoken words into text.

Nigella: At My Table, Monday, BBC2, 8.30pm

THURSDAY
Sam Smith at the BBC
BBC1, 8pm
In the space of five short years, Sam Smith has gone from struggling singer and chorister to one of the world's biggest pop stars. Ever since he featured on Disclosure's breakthrough single Latch in 2012, Smith's rise to the top of the music tree has been phenomenal. Last week, he released his eagerly awaited second album, The Thrill of It All, the follow-up to his multi-platinum selling debut, In The Lonely Hour. To celebrate, Smith has recorded this hour-long entertainment show in which he is accompanied by his band and the BBC Concert Orchestra to perform old and new tracks in front of a live studio audience. Presented by Fearne Cotton, the programme will also feature an interview with the singer as he discusses his career, music, and his much talked-about private life.

FRIDAY
Live International Football
ITV, 7.30pm
England v Germany (Kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents all the action from the friendly at Wembley Stadium, as the hosts begin preparations for the World Cup against the holders. The sides last met seven months ago in a friendly in Dortmund, when Lukas Podolski's goal in his final international gave Germany a 1-0 win despite an encouraging performance by Gareth Southgate's men. Joachim Low's side also prevailed by the same scoreline when they nations last faced each other at this venue in 2013.

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

12	14	11	23	2	7	■	3	13	23	2	8	11
■	25	■	15	■	2	■	13	■	7	■	■	1
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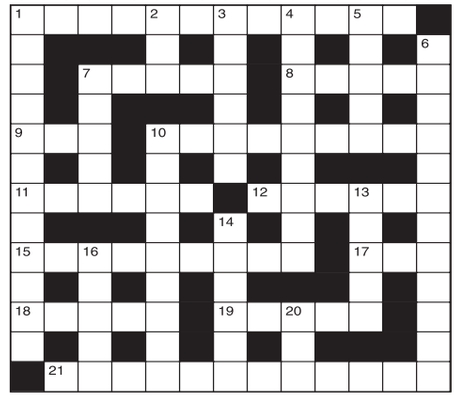
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 M	2 Y	3 O	4 U	5 Z	6 V	7 D	8 P	9 N	10 W	11 J	12 R	13 T
14 A	15 H	16 L	17 G	18 K	19 E	20 C	21 F	22 S	23 I	24 Q	25 X	26 B

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Demobbed and not working (3,2,7)
7. Took the part of another (5)
8. Risk having a dog at home (5)
9. America gets a point advantage (3)
10. Changed circumstances may put a different complexion on it (9)
11. Depart agitatedly, it may explode! (6)
12. A sign of twins (5)
15. They give actors difficulty - what a shame! (4,5)
17. Sounds like a shortage of resin (3)
18. Divert and employ after morning (5)
19. Key material for piano-makers (5)
21. Eminent composer? (6,2,4)

Down

1. What the crafty bounder kept? (3,4,5)
2. Had a meal in the cafe dining room (3)
3. Win, possibly earned (6)
4. Utterly incompetent (9)
5. Hiding place many yearn to find (5)
6. Open anger - by gum! (12)
7. These could be on the bed (5)
10. Waits for Noel (9)
13. Insert in song (5)
14. Officer found on the staff? (6)
16. Instigate quarrels we hear (5)
20. It just isn't on for cricketers (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Immediately (8,4)
7. Dilate (5)
8. Smarten (5)
9. Bind (3)
10. Multiply (9)
11. Choice (6)
12. Clear (6)
15. Uplifting (9)
17. Curve (3)
18. Sphere (5)
19. Harbour (5)
21. Avowal (12)

Down

1. Faults (12)
2. Wrath (3)
3. Empty (6)
4. Attractive (9)
5. Ring (5)
6. Ban (12)
7. Sugary (5)
10. Conspicuous (9)
13. Obvious (5)
14. Spectacles (6)
16. Animal track (5)
20. By way of (3)

Sudoku

	1		8				5	
		7		2		6		9
9		4		7		2		1
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	2						3	
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	4				8		6	

Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

5	1	3	9	4	2	6	8	7
6	4	7	5	3	8	9	1	2
2	9	8	6	1	7	3	5	4
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4	2	1	8	6	9	7	3	5
7	6	5	3	2	1	8	4	9

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Compact; 8 Prunes; 9 Teasing; 10 Dipole; 11 Spring; 12 Resettle; 18 Restroom; 20 Patron; 21 Poster; 22 Airmail; 23 Taunts; 24 Leashed. Down: 1 Spiders; 2 Purpose; 3 Pellet; 5 Oversees; 6 Posers; 7 Canine; 13 Turnpike; 14 Portend; 15 Impress; 16 Valise; 17 Cramps; 19 Thomas.
QUICK - Across: 4 Proceed; 8 Roamed; 9 Charity; 10 Mutter; 11 Allure; 12 Cavalier; 18 Pretence; 20 Winner; 21 Regard; 22 Appease; 23 Vision; 24 Meeting. Down: 1 Grimace; 2 Captive; 3 Reveal; 5 Rehearse; 6 Circle; 7 Entire; 13 Imprison; 14 Invalid; 15 Leading; 16 Simple; 17 Invent; 19 Thesis.

Quiz

1. On which animal does Britain's largest flea primarily live?
2. Which Welsh buccaneer became deputy-governor of Jamaica?
3. In which country is Norilsk, the world's most northerly industrial city?
4. Which evangelical movement was founded by John Wesley in 1739?
5. Who is the central character of Homer's Iliad?
6. What is the capital of Bermuda?
7. What is a chow chow?
8. Which sport was invented by Dr James Naismith in 1891?
9. What was the subject of the Surgeon's Photograph of 1934?
10. Of what is eugenics the study?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Sulphuric; 2 Dijon; 3 Eucalyptus; 4 Sergei Eisenstein; 5 Tony McCoy; 6 Four; 7 Heavy water; 8 Chile; 9 Seven; 10 Louvre.

Niner: LABYRINTH

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

74853 gives a London district,
1896392 gives a second London district,
8789 gives a London gallery.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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A pub welcome with open Arms

FANCY a trip out to the countryside for some wholesome pub grub, great service and family-friendly atmosphere? If the answer is yes, you really ought to try out the Hinksford Arms.

The huge beer garden, vast selection of drinks and reasonably-priced menu should be enough to entice a family out to the greener side of Kingswinford. And when your 10oz rib eye steak is cooked to perfection too, it really does tick all the boxes.

Although we live around five miles from the pub, we hadn't realised it was there until a colleague mentioned it was definitely somewhere to try out.

We certainly thanked her for the recommendation because our visit to the venue in Swindon Road really was a lovely way to spend a Saturday evening in the autumn sunshine.

MUSIC

Sitting outside enjoying what I suppose you'd call an Indian Summer, our daughter, Annabelle, aged three, was able to blow off some steam on the wooden climbing frame, which sits in the middle of a huge, grassy beer garden.

One word of warning, if you're planning on eating later than 6pm when live music is on, it's probably best to check when food is being served until as they sometimes close that room early.

Once inside we were handed the menus by a friendly waitress, who really went out of her way to cater for us, ordered another drink and had a look at what to order. It was the classic pub menu so we knew exactly what to expect really, which is sometimes really refreshing.

For starters my wife Kelly went for the stuffed flat mushrooms, which came with either bacon and Stilton or tomato and brie – she went for the first option – and

Start up – pâté of the day served with rustic bread

Pub hub – The Hinksford Arms in Swindon

I choose pâté of the day, which was served with rustic bread. There was certainly plenty to share between two adults and a small child

When it came to the mains, unfortunately the salmon was off the menu, which Kelly had her heart set on, but she was still happy to try the pork medallion stack with black pudding, which came served in a wholegrain apple sauce with mashed potato and seasonal vegetables.

That, in turn, stumped me a little because I had my heart set on that but thought it would be worth trying two different meals at the very least, so played it safe and went for the rib eye steak.The fresh, home-cooked food is served all day every day, whether it's a quick lunch or a family meal, but all the pub classics, sandwiches, ciabatta and food from the grill is all cooked to order, which keeps it nice and fresh.

The main reason my eye was drawn to the steak was probably because on our actual anniversary a few days before while living it up in Rhyl, I had ordered a one and it had been served completely over-cooked and the meat was also tough.

I ordered the steak medium rare and it was served perfectly. Kelly was delighted with her main too, with the pork also tender, the black pudding tasty and a little spicy, the mash smooth and creamy, and the wholegrain apple sauce rich and tangy.

Annabelle went for her usual option, tubes of pasta covered in a nice, tangy tomato sauce, served with two warm pieces of garlic bread. She enjoyed every bit and still had room for a children's strawberry ice cream, which we all ended up sharing as we were pretty full by then.

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Extended family home enjoys a sought-after spot

An extended detached house in a sought-after location, 28 Streets Lane, Cheslyn Hay, lies within easy reach of excellent schools, amenities and transport links.

It is for sale through Paul Carr Estate Agents at £325,000 with no chain.

A spokesman for the selling agents said: "Set on a good sized plot, this well presented detached property would make an ideal family home and a early viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate the scope of the property on offer."

Having central heating and double glazing, the accommodation includes a welcoming hallway with a guest WC off, a light and spacious extended lounge with French doors to the rear, a separate dining room and an extended breakfast kitchen with a wide range of wall and base units and an integrated double oven and hob.

To the first floor there are four bedrooms and the well-equipped, extended bathroom with a Spa bath, a WC, a wash-basin and a shower cubicle with an electric shower over. Outside there is a good-sized mature rear garden with lawned and paved areas, a detached laundry room and driveway parking giving access to the garage.

Cheslyn Hay is a former mining village in south Staffordshire located between Cannock and Walsall. Station Street is the main street with some small shops. Landywood railway station is the nearest station.

The village is served by two primary schools – Glenthorne Primary School and Cheslyn Hay Primary School – and by one secondary school – Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School.

Paul Carr is the largest estate agent and letting agent in the West Midlands with offices in Aldridge, Boldmere, Brownhills, Burntwood, Erdington, Four Oaks, Great Barr, Great Wyrley, Hamstead, Kingstanding, Streetly and Walmley.

CHESLYN HAY £325,000

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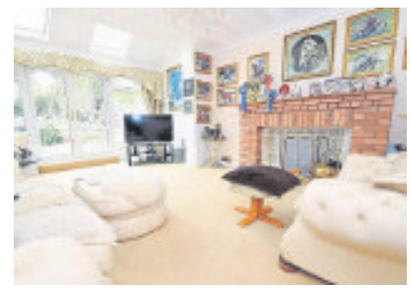
KEY FEATURES

- Popular village
- Extended detached house
- 4 bedrooms
- Extended bathroom
- Detached laundry room



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£589,995

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It is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £589,995. The setting is arguably one of the best locations on Cannock Chase and one of the most prestigious roads in the area.

The property has superb views to the front over this renowned forest of outstanding natural beauty. It is ideally located for outdoor enthusiasts wanting to take advantage of the numerous opportunities offered of outdoor lifestyle facilities, including mountain biking, horse riding, walking etc.

For further information, or to book a viewing, contact DB Roberts & Partners on 01543 469966.

Semi-detached property would make ideal buy for first-timers

CANNOCK

£135,000 <<<

This four-bedroomed semi-detached house in Pye Green Road, Cannock, is spacious throughout and waiting for someone to come along and put their own touch on it.

Ideal as a first-time buy, it is for sale through Goodchilds at £135,000.

A spokesman for the selling agent said: "The property is in need of work and it is priced to reflect this. It is a must-view!"

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch, living room, kitchen with an open plan dining area, four bedrooms and a family bathroom. The living room has windows overlooking the frontage and a gas fire. The kitchen/diner has space for a fridge/freezer.

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It has one bedroom, kitchen, a lounge/diner, a bathroom and parking.

The lounge/diner has electric heating, the kitchen has a range of matching units with roll edge work surface over incorporating an integrated cooker, hob, space for fridge and plumbing for washing machine. The bedroom has built-in wardrobes.

Contact Flint & Co on 01543 624400.

Bungalow in gated secure complex near town centre

RUGELEY
£225,000 <<<

This very well presented two-bedroomed detached bungalow built around two years ago in Sheep Fair, is set in a gated secure complex close to the centre of Rugeley.

It is for sale through Southwells at £225,000.

The accommodation briefly comprises of an entrance hall, a lounge into a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and a shower room. There is an allocated parking space and a fully enclosed rear garden plus full gas fired central heating and double glazing throughout.

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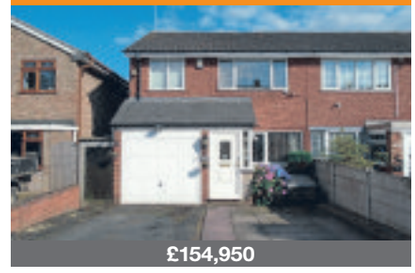

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• Off Road Parking • EPC = D

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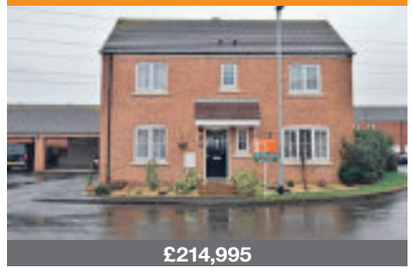

£214,995

• Detached House • Three Bedrooms
• Lounge & Conservatory • Carport, Corner Plot
• En suite Shower Room • EPC = C

Stoneyfields Close Cannock

£280,000

• Extended Detached Bungalow • Sought After Location
• Impressive Kitchen Diner & Lounge • Three Bedrooms
• Shower Room & Separate Bathroom • EPC = D

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2 SHERBROOK ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS WITH POTENTIAL FOR EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town

- Hall and cloakroom
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral double length garage
- Corner plot gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Part double glazed
- EPC rating D (59)

£325,000 FREEHOLD

15 BUCKTHORN CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE Located At Head of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall & guest cloakroom with WC
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Rear entrance lobby
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating & all windows double glazed
- Landscaped gardens
- Garage & off road parking
- EPC rating D (65)

£209,950 FREEHOLD

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PHASE III OF WELL EQUIPPED TWO AND FOUR BEDROOMED HOMES
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37 KINGSLAND CLOSE, STONE

NO CHAIN

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area With Views Over Open Farm Land To Rear

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- EPC rating D (68)

£147,500 FREEHOLD

IVY HOUSE BARN, SLINDON, ECCLESHALL

DETACHED THREE BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION RESIDENCE OFFERING CHARACTERFUL WELL EQUIPPED FAMILY ACCOMMODATION AND EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES INCLUDING STABLE BLOCK WITH TACK ROOM, MENAGE, GARAGE AND SECURE OFF ROAD PARKING TOGETHER WITH ORNAMENTAL GARDENS AND PADDOCKS EXTENDING TO APPROXIMATELY 7.9 ACRES CONVENIENT FOR FACILITIES AT ECCLESHALL

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Three double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- Secure off road parking
- Detached double garage
- Five stables, tack room and Gardens and paddocks extending to 7.9 of an acre approx
- EPC rating E (45)

£735,000 FREEHOLD

THE COACH HOUSE, 13 BRAMWELL DRIVE, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

WELL APPOINTED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOM COACH HOUSE STYLE RESIDENCE Located In Rapidly Maturing Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Wide Range of Facilities at Hednesford Town Centre

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen area
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Private Garden
- Fully double glazed & gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- Inspection highly recommended
- EPC rating tbc

£149,950 FREEHOLD

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22 STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities At Hednesford Town Centre

- Lounge
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Integral garage
- Studio/utility/office
- Well stocked gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (53)

£199,750 FREEHOLD

RYECROFT, LICHFIELD ROAD, CANNOCK

EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- cloakroom and utility room
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Integral garage
- Garden
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (63)

£260,000 FREEHOLD

8 COLLIERS WAY, HUNTINGTON

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE Offering Accomodation On Three Floors located In Popular Position

- Reception hall & cloakroom with Wc
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two first floor bedrooms and ensuite shower room
- Two second floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garage & gardens
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (79)

£219,950 FREEHOLD

14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens and off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (81)

£215,000 FREEHOLD

4 BALMORAL COURT, BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED FLAT Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Enclosed porch
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Communal grounds
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (74)

£79,950 For 90% Share

BELLA VISTA, COLEY LANE, LITTLE HAYWOOD

RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION
Occupying Flexible 3/4 Bedroomed Accommodation Occupying Private Gardens In An Elevated Position With Views to Cannock Chase Located On The Edge On This Popular Staffordshire Village

- Lounge
- Kitchen/dining/family/garden room
- Bedroom 4/study
- Three first floor bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- Private gardens
- Detached garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (86)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

40 ANSTY DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED LINKED DETACHED HOUSE located In Much Sought After Residential Area Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (55)

£196,950 FREEHOLD

430 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING SECLUDED POSITION IN PRIVATE DRIVE Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford, Heath Hayes and Cannock Centres

- Side reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Possible garage space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (72)

£164,950 FREEHOLD

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9.6% MANAGEMENT FEE INC VAT

Subject to Set-up Fee of £250 inc Vat

No Let - No Fee - No Hidden Extras

SALES LETTINGS MANAGEMENT AUCTIONS SURVEYS COMMERCIAL EPC's

6 THE NOOK, CHESLYN HAY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen & utility area
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Built-on garage
- Gardens
- Sorry no Smokers, DSS or pets
- EPC rating: E (42)

£750pcm

6 ST MARYS CLOSE, SHARESHILL

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In The Sought After Village Of Shareshill

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Study/family room
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or Smokers
- EPC rating: C (69)

£675pcm

3 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM BARN CONVERSIONSituated On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Entrance hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Double glazed
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (78)

£695pcm

23 HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, sokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (77)

£525pcm

11 THE WILLOWS, CANNOCK

RECENTLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In A Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large garden
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£530pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

7 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Semi detached garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (73)

£635pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area And Been Newly Decorated Throughout

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£795pcm

34 CHASELEY AVENUE, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Cul-de-sac In Sought After Shoal Hill Area

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating: C (69)

£625pcm

7 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TOW BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Security entrance
- Hall
- Fitted kitchen
- Entrance hall
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (75)

£650pcm

THE BARN, OFF CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

CHARACTERFUL THREE BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION
Located In A Most Convenient Position Within This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Market Village

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Bedroom three/study
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sory no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (71)

£850pcm

40 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£625pcm

12 CHALFONT AVENUE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Of The Town

- Refitted extended breakfast kitchen
- Lounge/dining area
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (64)

£650pcm

199A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazed
- Electric heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (40)

£440pcm

1 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Located In Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Security entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Elecric heating
- Double glazed
- No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating D (68)

£575pcm

21 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Security entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (71)

£550pcm

APARTMENT 9 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village Centre

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & bathroom
- Intercom access
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£550pcm

26 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED REFURBISHED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Verandah
- Cloakroom with WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (41)

£725pcm

12 PRICE STREET, CANNOCK

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM TERRACED HOUSE
Convenient For Town Centre And Train Station

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (63)

£525pcm

5 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Security entrance
- Entrance hall
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating D (68)

£575pcm

22 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Security entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heater
- Double glazed
- No DSS, pets or smokes allowed
- EPC rating C (70)

£550pcm

9 WHITFIELD ROAD, HEDNESFORD

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- All windows double glazed
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (46)

£650pcm

FLAT 4 PILLATON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Located In Popular Development Close To Village Centre

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550pcm

20 HAYMAKER WAY, WIMBLEBURY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Guests cloakroom
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£695pcm

4 SCHOOL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner Hall
- Lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Landscaped communal grounds
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (69)

£650pcm

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HEATH HAYES
MELBOURNE ROAD
NEW

- A two bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gardens front and rear
- Off road parking
- Awaiting EPC rating

£124,950

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET
NEW

- A traditional two bedroom property
- Lounge, dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted first floor bathroom
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Viewing recommended
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating G

£132,000

CANNOCK
RUDYARD WAY
NEW

- A modern three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Guest cloakroom, lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking and garage
- EPC rating C

£189,950

HEDNESFORD
PYE GREEN ROAD
NEW PRICE

- A unique and spacious 4 bedroom
- Lounge, dining room, conservatory
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Study, games room
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Additional loft room
- Awaiting EPC rating
- NO CHAIN

£299,950

WIMBLEBURY
KEYS PARK ROAD
NEW PRICE

- Surberb Family Home
- Four Bedroom, Master with ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Guest WC, Study
- Stunning Kithen Diner
- Lounge
- Conservatory,Double Garage
- EPC rating D

£299,950

HEDNESFORD
CHAFFINCH CLOSE

- A two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Conservatory, carport
- Garden to rear and side
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£169,950

CANNOCK
GAELIC ROAD

- A spacious two bedroom semi detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- Garage and driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£127,000

CANNOCK
ST AIDANS ROAD

- A two bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to front
- Corner plot
- Enclosed rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£124,950

HEATH HAYES
THE HEATH

- A modern one bedroom apartment
- Double glazed and electric heating
- Modern open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- Double bedroom
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buy
- Ideal investment
- EPC rating B

£79,950

HEATH HAYES
CHARLOCK GROVE

- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Garage & Driveway
- Gas central heated
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating D

£205,000

CANNOCK
BERWICK DRIVE

- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory, kitchen
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£134,950

HEATH HAYES
SALISBURY DRIVE

- A much improved 3 bedroom house
- Gas centra heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- EPC rating C

£199,950

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PROPERTY

Three-bedroomed detached house located in a popular district is close to all local amenities

This beautifully presented three-bedroomed detached house in Shaws Lane, Great Wyrley, can be found in a popular residential location close to local amenities, schools and transport links.

It is for sale through Paul Carr at £177,000.

Benefiting from central heating and double glazing, this superb detached property would make an ideal family home. Internal viewing

GREAT WYRLEY
£177,000

is highly recommended.The well presented accommodation includes a dining room, a good sized lounge with a feature fireplace and a light and spacious kitchen/diner with a range of wall and base units and tiled flooring and splash-backs.

To the first floor there are three double bedrooms and the bathroom with white suite comprising of a WC, wash-basin, bath and separate shower cubicle.

Externally there is a neatly maintained rear garden with lawned and paved areas and a selections of shrubs, bushes and plants.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing, contact Paul Carr on 01922 701 001 or visit www.paulcarrestateagents.co.uk

Spacious four-bed home in enviable location

Being deceptively spacious, this four-bedroomed, three-reception home in Barn Way, Wimblebury, Cannock, also comes with a refitted breakfast kitchen.

In an enviable position in a popular location, it is for sale through Webbs at £319,950.

This large and refurbished family home has ample living space in a prominent position overlooking farmland.

WIMBLEBURY
£319,950

In brief the property consists of entrance hallway, family room, guest WC, dining room, lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen and utility.

To the first floor there are four bedrooms; the master having a re-fitted spacious en-suite, bedrooms two and three benefit from a Jack and Jill en-suite a further family bathroom completes the first floor.

Outside the property has an enclosed rear garden with a paved patio seating area and mature borders with a gated access to the front of the property.

Viewing is essential to appreciate the size of property on offer.

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Burntwood Office - £400,000

LICHFIELD, ARMARDA CLOSE

- Modern Detached Family Residence
- Four Bedrooms, Conservatory
- Guest W.C., Utility
- Cul-se-sac Location

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Burntwood Office - £350,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Refurbished Throughout
- Garage & Driveway
- No Upward Chain

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Great Wyrley Office - £325,000

CHESLYN HAY, STREETS LANE

- Extended Detached House
- Two Receptions
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Garage & Driveway

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Great Wyrley Office - £299,950

WILLENHALL, STROUD AVENUE

- Impressive detached property
- Immaculate, contemporary interiors
- Three reception rooms
- Ample off-road parking

4 | 2 | D

Burntwood Office - £280,000

BURNTWOOD, GARRICK RISE

- Detached Family Residence
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Cul-de-sac Location

4 | 1 | D

Great Wyrley Office - £255,000

GREAT WYRLEY, JULIAN CLOSE

- Superb detached residence
- Immaculate interiors
- Sought after Cul-de-Sac location
- Corner plot

3 | 1 | E

Great Wyrley Office - £225,000

CHESLYN HAY, HAWTHORNE ROAD

- Fabulous semi-detached house
- Superb, contemporary interiors
- Popular location
- Good sized rear garden

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Great Wyrley Office - £189,950

CHESLYN HAY, CHESTNUT DRIVE

- Semi-Detached House
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- No Upward Chain

3 | 1

Great Wyrley Office - £179,950

CHESLYN HAY, LEVESON AVENUE

- Semi-Detached Residence
- Conservatory
- Garage
- No Upward Chain

3 | 1

Burntwood Office - £165,000

BURNTWOOD, CHORLEY ROAD

- Mid Terraced House
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Guest W.C., Court Yard
- Viewing Highly Recommended

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Great Wyrley Office - £153,950

CHESLYN HAY, STATION STREET

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Yew Tree Road, Brereton — £129,995

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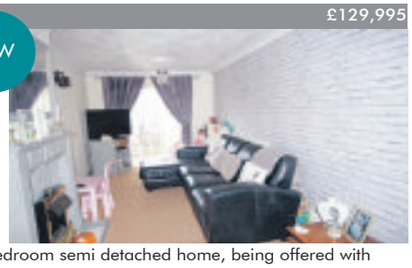

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Crestwood Rise, Etching Hill — £199,995

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● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom link detached family home, located in a quiet cul de sac location in Etchinghill. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Dining Room and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear.

Yew Tree Road, Brereton — £135,000

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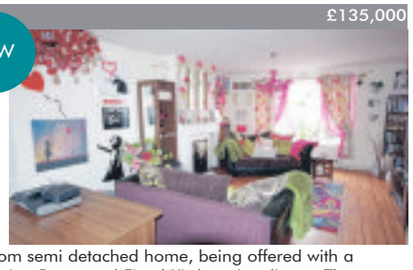

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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom,three storey home situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing leading to Second Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Landing to Bedroom with En Suite. Garden and Parking

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Lodge Road, Brereton £163,000

● JR Properties are pleased to offer to the market this three bedroom semi detached family home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for several vehicles to Detached Garage and Garden to rear.

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Redbrook Lane, Brereton £109,950

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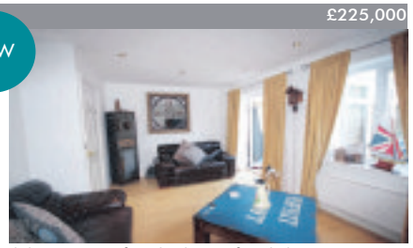
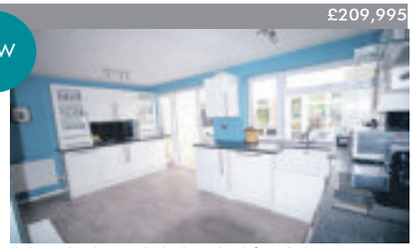
The Lindens, Rugeley £225,000



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three storey ,four bedroom family home. Offering flexible accommodation and having Entrance Hallway, Guest W.C, Breakfast Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom and Further Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite. Gardens to front and rear and Detached Garage with ample parking.

Crestwood Rise, Etching Hill £209,995



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom link detached family home, situated in quiet cul de sac within Etchinghill. Having Entrance Area, Family Breakfast Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to covered carport and Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

Walnut Court, Brereton £164,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location on a sought after estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

Redbrook Lane, Brereton £145,000

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached family home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to front and Garden to rear.

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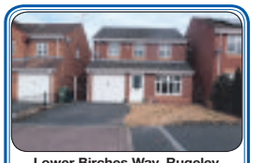
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- Driveway & Large Rear Garden

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Trtaditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
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PROPERTY

Four-bed link-detached at end of cul-de-sac and just a short distance from nature reserve

A four-bedroomed link-detached house, 48 Knighton Road, Cannock, lies in the Wimblebury area of Cannock.

Set at the end of a cul-de-sac and a short distance from The Old Brickworks Nature Reserve, local schools and children's play park, this fantastic home is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £215,000 with no chain.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge, dining room and kitchen to the ground floor with the four bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor.

CANNOCK
£215,000

Externally the home has a lawn to the front with a driveway that leads to the garage and side access to the rear of the home where you will find the garden with a patio seating area. The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the sale of this lovely family property.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing to see if this is the ideal next home for you, contact the selling agents, DB Roberts & Partners, at their local branch office on 01543 469966 or visit www.dbroberts.co.uk

Six-bed property at head of quiet cul-de-sac

Built by the current owners, this three-floored, six-bedroomed house in Spinney Close in the village of Pelsall also comes with a well equipped breakfast kitchen, a garage and gardens.

Positioned at the head of a quiet cul-de-sac, it is for sale through Fraser Wood at £379,950.

With gas central heating and double glazing, in full it has a porch entrance, a through lounge plus a separate dining room, the breakfast kitchen, laundry room, guest cloakroom/WC, six bedrooms, master with an en-suite shower room plus a dressing room and a family bathroom.

Outside is the fore garden with a block paved driveway to the garage and rear gardens with views over St Michael's Primary School playing fields. The master bedroom is described by the selling agents as being "magnificent", having an en-suite shower plus a dressing room, with the lounge being "superb".

PELSALL
£379,950

The property is within walking distance of the amenities of Pelsall village centre and there are excellent public transport services to neighbouring areas, together with schools for children of all ages.

The breakfast kitchen has a full range of fitted base and wall cupboards, extensive work surfaces, an integrated ceramic hob with an extractor over, double oven, a fitted dishwasher and fridge/freezer and matching glazed display cabinets.

The master bedroom has a built-in double wardrobe has a walk-in dressing room and en-suite shower room.Bedroom two has two built-in double wardrobes, a single wardrobe, two bedside tables and a desk with drawer storage. Bedrooms three and four are also on this floor, plus a family bathroom. A staircase leads to the second floor landing. Here you will find a home office/study/bedroom and a playroom/bedroom.

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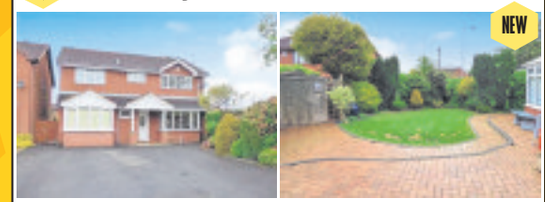

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Woodheyes Lawns, Rugeley

Offers Around £190,000

Semi Detached Property	Utility Room
Four Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Extended	Awaiting EPC

Cherry Bank, Hednesford

Offers Around £175,000

Detached Property	Corner Plot
Three Bedrooms	Detached Garage
Conservatory	Awaiting EPC

Canterbury Drive, Rugeley

Offers Around £265,000

Detached Property	Sought After Location
Four Bedrooms	Garage
Two Bathrooms	EPC C

Priory Avenue, Hawksyard

Offers Around £ 209,950

Detached Property	Detached Garage
Three Bedrooms	Corner Plot
Kitchen / Diner	EPC C

Wolverhampton Road, Cheslyn Hay

Offers Around £240,000

Detached Bungalow	Front and Rear Gardens
Two Bedrooms	Garage
Newly Fitted Kitchen	EPC D

Quarry Close, Cheslyn Hay

Offers Around £190,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge	Awaiting EPC

Mersey Road, Walsall

Offers Around £100,000

Semi Detached Property	Private Rear Garden
Three Large Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Kitchen Diner	EPC C

Tixall Road, Stafford

Offers Around £180,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Two Reception Rooms	EPC D

Stanford Close, Penkridge

Offers Around £217,500

New Build Property	Fitted Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Offering a Variety of Shared Ownerships
Lounge / Diner	Aavailable Nov / Dec 17

Herondale, Hednesford

Offers Around £70,000

Ground Floor Flat	Lounge
One Bedroom	Allocated Parking
Kitchen	EPC C

Woodheyes Lawns, Rugeley

Offers Around £154,950

Semi Detached Property	Utility Room
Four Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Modern Kitchen	EPC D

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Offers Around £160,000

Matthews Drive, Cannock	Shared Ownership Available
End Terrace Property	Off Road Parking
Two Bedrooms	Awaiting EPC

Fremantle Drive, Cannock

Ofeers Around £130,000

End Terrace Property	Lounge
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Kitchen	EPC D

Greenheath Road, Hednesford

Offers Around £140,000

Terraced Property	Converted Cellar
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Converted Loft	EPC E

Chester Road, Brownhills

Offers Around £360,000

Detached Property	Conservatory
Three Bedrooms	Large Rear Garden
Lounge	EPC C

Burntwood Road, Norton Canes

Offers Around £170,000

Detached Bungalow	Rear Garden
Two Double Bedrooms	Detached Garage
Kitchen / Diner	EPC D

Holly Hill Road, Rugeley

Offers Around £410,000

Detached Dormer Bungalow	Corner Plot
Four / Five Bedrooms	Garage
Well Presented	EPC C

Church Street, Rugeley

Detached Property
Five Bedrooms
Three Bathrooms
Three Reception Rooms
Detached Double Garage
EPC C

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Midhurst Drive, Hednesford

Offers Around £160,000

Semi Detached Property	Utility
Three Bedrooms	Front & Rear Gardens
Kitchen	EPC D

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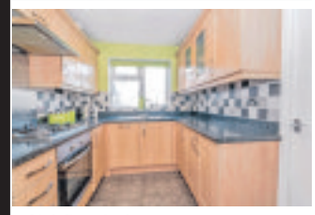
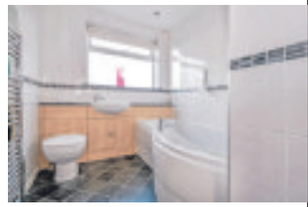
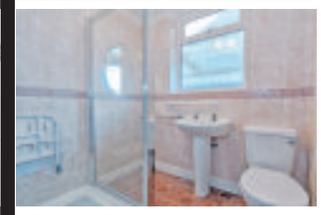



- Link Detached
- Corner Plot
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Driveway, Garage
- Viewing Recommended

£184,950

NEW

RUGELEY
PRIORY ROAD



- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge Diner,
- Breakfast Kitchen,
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom.
- Landscaped Gardens,
- Detached Garage,
- Carport
- Driveway
- No Chain.

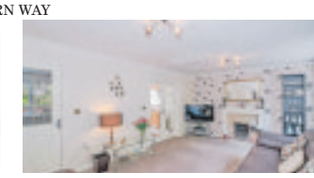
£160,000

CANNOCK
CHALFONT COURT

- First Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Communal Gardens
- Parking
- Town Centre Location

£109,950

WIMBLEBURY
BARN WAY

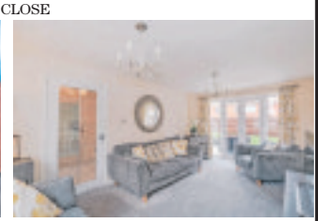
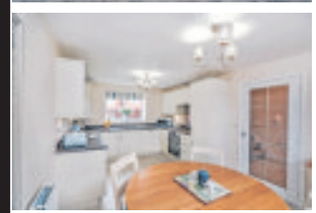
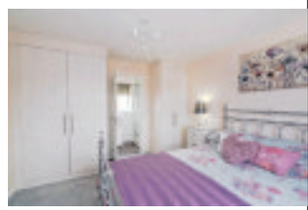


- Deceptively Spacious
- Popular Location
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Utilty Room
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 En-Suites
- Family Bathroom

£319,950

NEW

NORTON CANES
ASH CLOSE

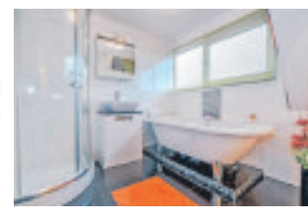




- Modern New Build
- Spacious Lounge
- > Hall, Guests WC
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Rear Garden
- Garage, Driveway
- Viewing Essential

£255,000

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
STATION ROAD



- Detached Home
- Show Home Standard Through Out
- Deceptively Spacious
- Stunning Kitchen
- Lounge, Dining Room
- 4 Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Ample Parking
- Viewing Recommended

£364,995

CANNOCK
REMINGTON DRIVE

- Over 55'S Warden Control
- Close to Train Station
- First Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedroom
- Family Bathroom
- Communal Garden

£99,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
LITTLEWORTH ROAD

- Stunning Family Home
- Studio Annex
- Through Hallway,
- Lounge, Dining Room,
- Conservatory,
- Kitchen,
- Three Bedrooms,
- Bathroom, En-suite

£300,000

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MG's new compact SUV

With sales of compact-SUV and small crossovers continuing to grow across Europe, up 10 per cent in the first half of 2017, MG Motor UK has increased its offering in the market with its all-new MG ZS. A global car which has been re-engineered specifically for the UK audience, the MG ZS demonstrates MG's continued commitment to design excellence, engineering innovation and affordable style.

Available from UK dealers now, the MG ZS has already attracted significant attention since it was officially unveiled at the London Motor Show earlier this year. The intervening six months has seen thousands of people register their interest in the car, with dealers expecting this to translate to record sales figures in the latter part of the year.

With the entry-level model available on the road from just £12,495 the MG ZS also launches with a host of competitive finance offers.

Coming with one of the longest fully transferable warranties in its class, the MG ZS offers a seven year/80,000-mile warranty as standard across all variants, testament to MG's confidence in the quality of its design, engineering and manufacturing operations.

The MG ZS is a global car with a distinct British feel. Completely re-engineered by the UK engineering team, this MG ZS has been tested on UK roads and developed for UK drivers.

Firmly committed to ensuring customers get exceptional value for money, the MG ZS comes with most of the 'extras' as standard. An industry-leading 8" touch sensitive infotainment screen is supported by DAB radio (on the Exclusive and Excite models), while Bluetooth hands-free and remote central locking is available across the range. Cruise control is also included, while air conditioning comes as standard on Excite and Exclusive models, and Satellite Navigation and a rear camera are standard on the Exclusive variant.

MG also offers Apple CarPlay on the MG ZS Excite and Exclusive variants at no extra cost. The safer way to use your iPhone in the car, CarPlay takes the things you want to do with your iPhone while driving and puts them on the car's in-built display.

With the massive 8" touchscreen in the MG ZS Excite and Exclusive models, this means you can get directions, make calls, send and receive messages and listen to music, all in a way that allows you to stay focused on the road.

The MG ZS showcases the future design direction for MG, expressing an 'Emotional Dynamism' which is set to feature across all upcoming models. A distinctive grille, increased MG branding and delicate nose gives the car a refined look that is carried through to its sweeping corners and solid backend.

It's a global car with a distinct British feel. Completely re-engineered by the UK engineering team

With one of the most generous shoulder, leg and headroom capacities in its segment, the MG ZS offers a premium travelling experience for driver and passenger alike – providing around 55mm additional rear shoulder room and 80mm rear headroom than the segment average.

An incredible 448 litres of boot capacity (some 60 litres larger than the typical Compact-SUV) – plus a split-level boot – provides plenty of room for prams, luggage, outdoor leisure equipment or the weekly shop, while keen cyclists and adventure sports fans will benefit from numerous compartments throughout the car which provide additional storage.

Customers can choose from a 1.5 DOHC VTI-tech, four-cylinder engine with smooth and responsive five-speed manual gearbox, or a 1.0 GDI turbocharged, three-cylinder version of the engine which complements the six-speed automatic gearbox option to produce a fast-paced and dynamic ride for drivers looking to experience a little extra. With a larger fuel tank, the MG ZS offers increased range, less need to fill the tank, lower CO2 emissions and an improved performance – with the MG ZS delivering 1-100kph in 10.9 seconds, compared to 12.0 seconds for its rival.

Having been tested to extremes in Sweden at minus 35 degrees Celsius, Spain at 42 degrees Celsius, Austria at exceptionally high altitudes and Wales in the typical British drizzle, MG is confident its Compact-SUV can stand up to any challenge.

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By Jupiter this unique Suzuki Jimny sells itself

A road-focused car but one that will scamper off road very happily

By Ian Donaldson

How about this for a Suzuki car sales pitch: "We don't put any effort into selling them".

As a bald statement it might drive the car maker's marketing department into a frenzy until you hear the rest of the statement from the mouth of a senior Suzuki person: "We always sell 1,000 of them every year because there's nothing else like it."

When you learn this steady – and apparently easy – seller is Suzuki's tiny but off-road focused Jimny you may begin to understand why there's little reason to push the car into the salesroom spotlight. For the Jimmy is clearly not a car for everyone. Not for most people, to be honest, but for that loyal band of Jimny believers nothing else will do. No wonder most of them keep their cars for seven or eight years – before swapping for a new one.

This is the sort of loyalty a car maker can normally only dream about, although they'd be happier if the cars were chopped in for new ones a bit sooner, of course.

And there really is nothing like a Jimny to meet a very specific set of requirements. Put simply, a Jimny must drive pretty much like a road-focused car yet cheerily scamper off road at its master or mistress's command.

Crucially, too, it must not cost too much to buy or run. How about £12,999 for starters, which buys a car

The car skips over ruts and wades through streams

with pukka four-wheel drive capability, right down to a low ratio gearbox that lets this light and modestly dimensioned machine skip over ruts and wade through streams with the near certain knowledge it will emerge like an eager spaniel; shrugging off the mud and eager for the next challenge.

The Jimny is but part of a Suzuki range that takes in five models with differing degrees of off-road competence, all bearing Allgrip badges on the back but coming with three levels of expertise in the wild.

At the top of the Allgrip tree sits the Jimmy with its 'Pro' rating, taking in the already mentioned low ratio gears and adding a locking differential – the sort of kit that singles out the truly committed mud plugger.

One down in the Allgrip hierarchy comes 'Select', which lets the driver put the car (selected Vitara and S-Cross models) into mud or snow settings via rotary controller between the front seats and turn them into the sort of vehicle that will tackle a slippery hill (up or down) without panicking driver and passengers.

Around one in three Vitara and S Cross buyers take their car with the Allgrip option, a figure that drops to fewer than one in ten when we move down the range to Ignis and Swift models, which come with Allgrip 'Auto'.

This demands no extra actions from the driver but will push drive from front to rear wheels if it detects slipping from the front. You'd never know anything was happening, but you'd be glad on a snowy school run.

But back to the Jimny. Slipping into the driver's seat is almost like entering a time warp, when cars were simpler and smaller. There is a pared down feel to the dashboard and not a hint of executive style plushness. Rather, it is solid and simple and feels like it would last forever.

You quickly get used to the lack of width, discovering that there really is enough space between you and your passenger on one side and the door on the other. This intimacy pays off in spades when the rock strewn track ahead narrows to a couple of donkeys' width.

Keeping front and rear wheels close to one another makes the Jimny delightfully maneuverable.

As well as with its size the Jimny shows its age with a 1.3 litre petrol engine that puts out enough CO2 to earn it a stiff £500 tax slap on first registration and provides modest performance on the smooth stuff. A top speed of 87mph and 0-62mph time of 14.1 seconds put it firmly in the slow lane – which simply doesn't matter for all the Jimny owners who love their cars. They're also unlikely to be bother by an official fuel consumption of 39.8mpg.

Every Jimny has DAB radio, heated door mirrors and front electric windows. The higher spec SZ4 (£14,299 or £15,299 with auto transmission) adds air con, leather and cloth front seats, alloy wheels and tinted glass in the rear.

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The Fiesta's boot space is relatively competitive

This Fiesta is so hot, hot, hot and an absolutely epic drive

By Anthony Martyn

Ford took one of the best cars it has ever made – the Fiesta ST – and improved it. More power, new suspension and improved steering have all been added to the already impressive mix, and let's make no bones about it, the result is absolutely epic.

You actually have to be a little bit of an anorak to differentiate the ST200 from the standard ST, because they actually look pretty much identical. Both get the same wide honeycomb grille and the same oversized roof spoiler, but there is one big giveaway.

That Storm Grey paint job is your only option when it comes to picking out your ST200, and as you can't have it on a normal ST, it's a bit of a tell-tale. It'll certainly draw the attention of any boy racer who knows his cars, although whether that's good or bad is a matter of opinion. When said boy racer does come snooping, though, he'll spot a few subtler features than the paintwork. Those black alloys, for example, are model-specific, as are the red brake calipers.

Inside, there's another big clue in the shape of the massive ST200 badge that sits proudly on the centre console, while the more knowledgeable observer might also spot the grey trim on the supportive Recaro seats.

There's just one colour option – Storm Grey

Because the ST200 is just a Fiesta, it comes with all the practicality of a normal 1.0-litre EcoBoost. Room in the front is plentiful, but adults wouldn't want to sit in the back for too long, thanks to a spine-twisting lack of rear headroom. In truth, though, rear passenger space is an issue for most of the Fiesta's rivals.

The Fiesta's boot space is relatively competitive, too, if not quite on a par with the class leaders. At 290 litres, it's far larger than that of the Polo GTI and just two litres smaller than the Seat Ibiza Cupra's luggage bay.

To drive, the Fiesta ST is brilliant, but the ST200 is on another planet. Let's deal with the speed first, because we can quantify that. As the name suggests, the ST200's 1.6-litre turbocharged engine produces 200 metric horsepower, or 197bhp, which represents an 18bhp increase compared with the basic ST. It's more complicated than that, though, because a transient overboost function means 212bhp is actually available for short periods. The result is a 0-62mph time of 6.7 seconds and a top speed of 143mph. It may not sound like a big improvement on the ST – a car only two-tenths slower to 62mph and just 4mph behind at full chat – but the ST200 does feel much meatier thanks to increased torque and shortened gear ratios.

It sounds great, too, thanks to some glorious whooshes from the turbo wastegate when changing gear and a twin exhaust that produces a fruity bubble when the pedal's depressed even slightly.

More impressive, though, is the way this car goes around corners. The steering weight is almost perfect, the balance is sublime and body roll is controlled in just the right measure. You've got plenty of grip, too. If you want to enjoy any one of the world's greatest driving roads, this is the car to do it in.

It's still pretty capable if all you want to do is get to work, though. The ride is firm and informative without being too uncomfortable, and you've got all the usual practicalities of the Fiesta. Ford even claims it'll manage 46mpg if you're careful, but if you've bought an ST200, the chances are you won't be careful at all.

The ST200 is an incredible piece of kit, but it isn't cheap. It'll set you back £22,745, which is more than enough to buy you a reasonably well-equipped Focus. In fact, it's the same price as the basic Focus ST-1.

That means that for the same money you could have something that's two-tenths faster to 62mph, breaks the 150mph barrier and offers more practicality. Or, you could save about £3,000 and buy a really well-equipped Fiesta ST-3, which would be just as practical and only slightly slower than the 200. Doing that, though, would leave you in the knowledge that one day, maybe years from now, you'll be overtaken by an ST200 and you'll wonder what might have been.

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Stonic punches above weight filling little SUV role stylishly

The Stonic is Kia's first entry into the small SUV segment

By Ian Donaldson

Nobody needs a watch the size of a coffee cup's saucer or a handbag you'd have trouble checking in as Ryanair cabin baggage, but lots of people want both of them – although probably not the same people.

And nobody really needs a smallish car that looks as though it could wade streams and shrug off life in the depth of a forest, even if it would drown with the first challenge and pine for its mummy on the other.

No, people want a small SUV because they think it looks good. Not for them the dull practicality of a mere hatchback; not when they want to be seen as adventurous types who stand out from the crowd.

And just at the moment the world can't make enough small SUVs. Sales in Europe alone are expected to double to more than two million annually in the four years leading to 2020. And these are cars with buyers driven by desire, not bargain hunters.

It means they'll happily pay a premium for the car of their dreams. And that makes the car manufacturers anxious to provide them with something to buy…

Enter the Kia Stonic, the South Korean car maker's first entry to the small SUV segment and a new baby sibling to the firm's biggest seller by far in the UK, the Sportage. The name is a mix of 'speedy' and 'tonic', if you were wondering.

Based on the new Rio small hatchback and built alongside it in Korea, the Stonic is offered in a smaller

Stonic is based on the new Rio hatchback

number of versions and aimed at buyers with a bit more to spend – around £2,000 if you choose Stonic over Rio.

For the extra cash you'll have a car that is a bit longer and wider than the Rio but, crucially, taller and with a bit more ground clearance thrown in too. It means a car that fills its little-SUV role with style, even if there is no 4x4 version because hardly anyone would buy it.

Instead, there's a car that gives a buyer the chance to personalise their purchase with two-tone paint, picking out roof, door mirror casings and spoiler in contrasting colours, and choice of a pair of trim levels.

You will also find a dashboard that borrows heavily from the Rio, so it's crisply finished, logically set out and very easy to read but a bit dull and black. The top version is lightened a little by splashes of add-on colour, but the interior remains more practical (and reasonably roomy front and rear and in the boot) than inspiring.

Kicking off the Stonic range is the £16,295 car in '2' grade with a 1.4 litre 98bhp petrol engine. It will reach 107mph, hit 62mph in 12.2 seconds and travel 51.4 miles on a gallon in the official test, while putting out 125g/km of CO2 in the process. It is expected to be a modest seller, despite a kit count that includes 17ins alloy wheels, air conditioning, all-round electric windows, Bluetooth with voice recognition, rear parking sensors and a six-speaker sound system with steering wheel mounted controls.

The First Edition Stonics, from £19,695, add two-tone paint with a contrasting roof, smart key entry, auto air con, heated front seats and steering wheel and splashes of chrome on window trim and door handles.

Next engine up is a three-cylinder turbocharged petrol unit with 118bhp and a 115mph top speed and 9.9 seconds to 62mph time, backed up with 56.5mpg and 115g/km in the official tests. It costs £16,995 and the £700 premium over the entry-level car makes it look the bargain of the bunch. Out on a varied test route it delighted with sharp steering and a well controlled ride once out of town, where it turns a bit too firm, to produce a car that made you want to keep on driving, enjoying a snick-snick gear change along the way. For another £800 you can move to a 1.6 litre 108bhp diesel, offering 112mph/10.9 seconds and 67.3mpg and 109g/km.

In either car you can tell the Kia Stonic (designed mostly in Europe) was also honed on roads in the same part of the world and for drivers who value driving enjoyment a bit more highly than soggy-springed comfort. And quite right too.

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308 is sharp, stylish and imposing

By Dave Brown

We're big fans of the 308 hatchback and estate and although it has proved a sought-after member of the Peugeot range here in the UK, it hasn't quite hit the heights it has reached in its home country, where it sits proudly at the top of its segment in terms of popularity.

On this side of the channel, it is certainly in the top 10, but, as the company admits, 'closer to 10 than one'. Perhaps the comprehensive refresh and price reductions announced a few months ago will get things moving in the right direction.

The car has sharper styling and Peugeot's latest efficient engines and touchscreen connectivity. On the outside, there is an imposing new vertical grille and LED daytime running lights. Inside, Peugeot's i-Cockpit includes a 9.7-inch touchscreen, equipped with 3D satnav and new graphics. The new car builds on the EuroNCAP five-star rating its predecessor achieved with enhanced safety tech to bring it in line with its widely-admired 3008 SUV.

This latest version car looks great. Sharp, stylish and imposing, it will appeal to parents who are happy with family life but haven't totally forgotten what it's like to have fun behind the wheel. Elliptical headlamps come with integral LED daytime running lights while the rear lights have a distinctive three-claw shape.

Short front and rear overhangs make the car very maneuverable and contribute to excellent road-holding ability.

Allure, GT Line and GT models feature a large glass roof as standard. Comfort levels are fine inside and everything is of a nice

The car offers parents a bit of fun

quality – there is plenty of room for mum, dad and the kids, although some rivals do offer more space.

Inside the car, not too much has changed over the previous incarnation, with the cabin plush and comfortable. As we've mentioned, the i-Cockpit looks great and adds a sporty feel to a family car but might not be wholly visible through the steering wheel for drivers of certain heights and builds.

The materials used are of high quality, giving the car a welcome, premium feel.

But practicality is key for family buyers of course and the estate features the largest load space in its class (660 litres with the parcel shelf in place; a whopping 1,775 litres with the rear seats folded and the parcel shelf removed).

We had the chance to take the 308 GT (£25,101) on a spin along Germany's fast-paced autobahns, and around the twisty mountain roads on the Germany/Austria border, not far from Salzburg.

It coped with everything we threw at it and provided a genuinely enjoyable and absorbing drive. The i-Cockpit infotainment

Elliptical headlamps come with integral LED daytime running lights while the rear lights have a distinctive three-claw shape

system works well, while the gearbox is taut and quick and you feel in complete control as you enjoy the drive, try to admire the view from time to time, and dodge the many cyclists and hikers enjoying the scenery.

The Peugeot 308 has seen price reductions of, on average, £650 compared to equivalent models in the outgoing range. In some cases, savings of more than £1,000 can be made.

This is a nod perhaps to the fact that the first incarnation of the car hasn't sold as well as hoped in the UK and Peugeot is looking to make up ground on key rivals.

Spec levels are generous, and connectivity is king with the new 308. Safety is to the fore, too, with a range of advanced driver assistance systems such as distance alert and intelligent emergency braking assistance.

Who would buy one? Families, families and more families… at least that's what Peugeot is hoping.

Professional people who want something a bit different style-wise but can easily communicate on the move will also be drawn in, no doubt, and the GT and GTi models will appeal to younger drivers too (and people who are young at heart).

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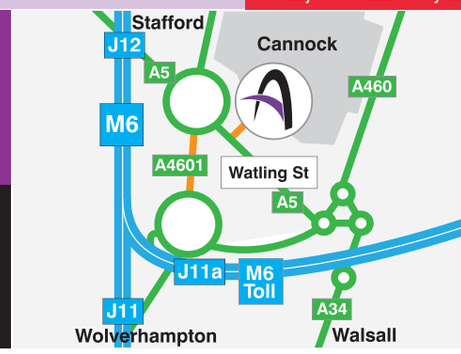

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Renault Kadjar scoops two top gongs in major awards

The Renault Kadjar has added to its many accolades by being voted the Best Used Car and Best Used Mid-Size SUV in the Auto Express Used Car of the Year 2018 awards.

The duo of awards add further strings to the bow of the highly acclaimed Kadjar, officially recognising its unrivalled appeal and suitability as a pre-owned vehicle.

After trawling the classifieds and comparing the Renault Kadjar against its rivals and all other potential used cars across 17 categories, the Auto Express judging panel praised the popular crossover for its unbeatable package of value, style, driving dynamics and equipment.

Graham Hope, editor, Auto Express, said: "The Kadjar is one of the best family SUVs on the road. It looks great, has some interesting tech and is good to drive, too, with decent performance and strong fuel economy across the range. And with used prices now starting from around the £11,500 mark, it is exceptional value as a second-hand purchase. Few cars appeal so much as an excellent all-rounder, and it is a worthy winner of our Used Car of the Year award."

The judging panel said the Kadjar had an unbeatable package

Vincent Tourette, managing director, Groupe Renault UK, said of the awards: "The Renault Kadjar is already a highly attractive proposition as a new car and these awards, which see it eclipse some very fierce and more expensive competition, confirm that it is just as desirable when it enters the used car market.

"Buying a used vehicle can be quite a daunting prospect for some drivers, but with the Kadjar being voted the best used car by such a highly regarded industry voice, customers are safe in the knowledge that choosing it is a decision that satisfies both the head and the heart. We're delighted that Auto Express has recognised that the Renault Kadjar continues to provide cost-conscious drivers with a fantastic, even more affordable package as it becomes a used car."

The latest awards add to the Renault Kadjar's ever-growing trophy cabinet. The crossover has won myriad awards, including first place in the Off-Road/SUV category and third place overall in the Auto Express Driver Power 2016 awards, which are determined entirely by owner feedback, and Best Crossover in the 2016 Fleet World Awards.

Since its introduction in the UK in 2015, the Kadjar has strengthened Renault's presence in the crossover market – building on the success of its compact crossover sibling, Captur.

The Kadjar's combination of striking design, efficient powertrains, spacious interior, high levels of standard specification, and five-star Euro NCAP rating have proved a hit with British car buyers with sales of over 45,000 since launching in the UK.

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Deaths

DEVALL

Gladys May

Passed away peacefully, October 17, 2017, aged 93.

She will be very sadly missed by all her loving Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to take place, 2pm on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at St. Michael's Church, Brereton, followed by Burial in the Churchyard.

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June

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JONES

Maureen

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HORTON

Jennifer

Passed away suddenly at home on October 9, 2017, aged 59 years.

Jennifer will be sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

Funeral Service will take place on Monday, November 6, 2017, at St Mark's Church, Great Wyrley, at 11.30am, followed by Interment at Great Wyrley Cemetery.

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HORTON

Jennifer Ann

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We have so many memories, but we wish we still had you.

Love you always. God bless. Debbie, Widge, Steven, Michelle and Chris.

MOBBERLEY

Robert David

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 21, 2017, aged 70 years.

Robert was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 1.30pm, at St Luke's Church, Cannock. Followed by a Committal Service at Stafford Crematorium.

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OWEN

Muriel

October 28, 2012, five years.

We never ask for miracles but today just one will do, to see the front door open and our dearest Mom walk through.

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Gill

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Love, Mick.

Acknowledgements

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Patricia Mary

Formerly of Hednesford.

Sadly passed away on Thursday, October 5, 2017, aged 78 years.

Reunited with Husband Henry.

Pat was much loved and will be dearly missed by all her Family and Friends.

The Family would like to thank all Family, Friends and Neighbours who attended Pat's Funeral on October 19, 2017 and would like to thank Rev. Paul for the lovely Service.

Viv and Helen would like to thank everyone for cards, donations and messages of support at this very difficult time.

Donations of £400 will be going to The Deansley Centre, New Cross Hospital.

YOUNG

John

December 27, 1945 -
October 8, 2017.

Beloved Wife Joyce, Step-Daughter Jane, Son-in-law Tony and Grandsons Bradley and Daniel wish to thank all Family, Friends, Neighbours and Work Colleagues who attended John's Funeral on October 20 at Stafford Crematorium.

The Renal Unit and Heart Specialists at Cannock and New Cross Hospital who attended John over the years, we can never repay your care and dedication.

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ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

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- Heath Street from its junction with High Mount Street to outside property No 23;
- Mount Street from its junction with High Mount Street to its junction with Lomax Road and
- Common View from its junction with Bradbury Lane to its junction with Mount Street;

unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes. Pedestrian access will be available.

Alternative routes for traffic will be signed on site. For more information, visit: https://roadworks.org?tm=187890.

The order will come into operation on 6 November 2017 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 8 December 2017.

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John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance & Change, No. 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford. ST16 2DH

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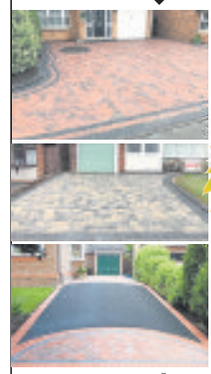

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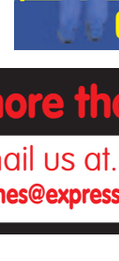

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Deeney antics spark the wrath of Hughes

FORMER Walsall striker Troy Deeney has been told by Stoke City boss Mark Hughes he "should know better" after sparking a late melee in Watford's 1-0 home Premier League defeat.

In stoppage-time Stoke put the ball out of play after a player went down injured, but rather than pass the ball back the Hornets captain appeared to attempt a cross into the visitors' penalty area.

Joe Allen reacted angrily but found himself being grabbed by the face by the burly Hornets striker as players from both sides squared up. Deeney and Allen were booked, but Stoke boss Hughes was less than impressed by Deeney's conduct.

"I thought it was a bit unnecessary," he said. "Clearly we kicked the ball out and the right thing to do in the spirit of the game is throw it back.

"Deeney, the captain of the club, should know better but he shaped to play it into our box and that's why Joe reacted. I've seen pictures of raised hands and thumbnails in faces which is totally unnecessary."

Woakes the all-round fit to fill Stokes' void

ENGLAND all-rounder Chris Woakes has vowed to help fill the void left by Ben Stokes on the Ashes tour. Stokes has not flown out with the rest of the squad to Australia, having been suspended following an incident outside a Bristol nightclub in September.

The 26-year-old Durham player has not been ruled out of the five-match Test series which begins in Brisbane on November 23, but he is out of consideration for selection until further notice.

Captain Joe Root has suggested England are preparing to play the entire series without him, meaning Woakes and Moeen Ali, and wicketkeeper-batsman Jonny Bairstow, will have to replace those lost runs.

Great Barr-born Woakes said: "Losing Ben as an all-rounder means myself, Moeen and I suppose even Jonny have more of a chance to prove our worth. I take my batting as seriously as possible. I know I have been batting at nine in recent Test matches but whenever I have played for Warwickshire I have obviously batted a lot higher than that."

Event is all a-bout Olympic fighter

THE world's first-ever Punjabi MMA fighter is to visit the West Midlands next month for a charity event.

Olympian and UFC heavyweight Arjan Singh Bhullar will take part in a meet-and-greet event in Birmingham on November 25.

The Indo-Canadian fighter will also tell his life story at the event, which has been organised by the Wolverhampton-based Showfighter group.

Bhullar, aged 31, is currently ranked world number 19 in the MMA heavyweight division by the MMA World Ranking website.

The event is at The Hagley (Ibis Hotel) on Hagley Road, Birmingham. Funds raised will go to the Jet Singh Trust.

Bhullar has represented Canada internationally as a freestyle wrestler at several world championships, at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and at the 2012 Olympic Games. He is from Richmond, British Columbia.

In August 2014, Bhullar had his first amateur fight as a mixed martial artist. He turned pro in November of that year.

Priory Park's Tyriq Allison, left, in action against Olympic's Brian O'Shea

Priory are a big hit in and out the ring

PRIORY Park Boxing Club are warming up for their next venture following a successful debut on the international stage. The Dudley-based outfit hosted an England versus Ireland clash at The Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill that saw the club's boxers take on fighters from the renowned Olympic Boxing Club in Galway.

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By Nick Elwell

And the event proved to be a huge hit inside and outside the ring much to the delight of chairman Paul Gough. The night served up a series of high-quality contests in front of a crowd of around 300 with the hosts emerging victorious thanks to victories from Ben Collins, Connor Jones, Jarrod Grant, Tyriq Allison, Tomas Grygkiewicz and Sam Gwilt.

But as well as gaining plaudits for their efforts in the ring, Gough has been delighted with the feedback from the Irish visitors regarding the hospitality on display.

Gough left no stone unturned in his bid to ensure the Olympic contingent enjoyed their stay in the Black Country with a Go Karting night getting the boxers revved up for action. "It was one of the biggest events we have put on as a club, we had never staged an international contest before," said Gough. "But it was a great success and the feedback we have had from Olympic has been outstanding.

"Theysaid they had never been treated like this and looked after so well. That's nice to hear and huge credit to our club.

"It was an expensive show to put it on and it would not have been possible without our sponsors – Richardson Capital, Barclays Bank, Willows Construction and Virtual Guard – so a massive thank you to them. We put all their fighters, coaches and officials up at The Copthorne for two nights. We really went out of our way to look after them.

Lords of the ring – Priory Park boxers ready for their contest with Ireland's Olympic BC

Training

"We picked them up from the airport and then took them to our gym for a training session, and then took them out for some food.

"On the first evening we had a Karting competition at Halesowen, which went down really well and then had some food and drinks after. The lads absolutely loved that. We even had three Priory lads coming first, second and third in that, which was great.

"The Olympic lads had some down-time the following day before the show and then they were driven back to the airport the day after. A lot of hard work went into organising the show but it was worth it. It was great experience for our lads, as we will be going over there to fight next year in the return match."

The standard of boxing also impressed Gough, who doubled up as match-maker with Olympic coach Mick Mogan. "All the bouts were close and the quality was very high," said Gough. "Olympic are the No.1 club in Ireland and have won just about every competition going. One of their lads, Mike Delaney, is a four-time national champion and has won a bronze for GB.

> *"I would love to do an England-Scotland-Ireland contest. That could be one for the future"*

"Their coach Mick Mogan trusted my judgement in matching up the fights and I trusted his. And it worked out because there were some great fights. As well as the international fights, a number of other contests made up a 15-bout bill with the youngest boxer aged 10 and the oldest 24, and we had around 300 people in."

Gough has designs on promoting further international shows and may look north of the border. He said: "It has whet my appetite for more shows like this and I would love to do an England-Scotland-Ireland contest. That could be one for the future."

The club stages a development show at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on Saturday where there will be plenty of action featuring just Priory Park boxers.

And while the club's boxing contingent continues to grow, Gough also runs various fitness classes at the club's Priory Road base. "The club is thriving at the moment. Our membership is rising and I am continually getting texts and calls from people asking if they can join," he said.

"But it's not just about boxing. We also run various fitness classes at the gym and the parents also get involved. It's like one big happy family."

Tickets for the development show are available priced £15 and £10. Call Paul Gough on 07883 012981.

Sport

Boxing club packs punch in and out of the ring

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Seconds defeated in game of 12 tries

WITH no first team fixture for Burntwood, the spotlight fell on the 2nds and 3rds/Colts teams.

Russ Palmer's 2nds hosted Ludlow for a club fixture and following a highly entertaining contest, featuring a total of 12 tries, the visitors returned to Shropshire the winners by 42-27.

Ludlow opened the scoring on 13 minutes with a converted try. Another Ludlow try followed before Charlie Liggins opened Burntwood's account with a well-struck penalty goal on 18 minutes.

Ludlow extended their lead further until Liam Smith stormed over for a try converted by Liggins.

The visitors increased their lead with a try in the right corner. Back came the hosts with Brad Holmes with an unconverted try.

It only took three minutes of the second period for Ludlow's scrum half to complete a hat-trick of tries. But still Burntwood came back, courtesy of a fine kick chase by Callum Grundy.

Twice they went close to reducing the deficit before Smith added to his first half try, Liggins converting to make it a five point game. Ludlow sealed their win with two catch and drive tries within three minutes but Burntwood hit back again, this time through Josh Maddox. Ludlow had the last word with a try in the last minute.

Burntwood welcomed Pinley for a Staffs Colts Transitional League fixture and won 40-14. Try scorers were Dave Ward, Rob England, Ian Mapp, Craig Addy, Alex Grundy and James Lycett. Martyn Ottey added two penalties and two conversions.

Cocks fires Scholars to Trophy win

Chasetown 2 Spalding 1

CHASETOWN progressed in the FA Trophy after an entertaining game and will host Workington in the Second Qualifying Round on November 11.

The Scholars took the lead after 13 minutes when a sumptuous cross from Chris Baker from the right was powered home by the head of leading scorer Muzzy Nduna.

It took a world class save from Spalding keeper Michael Duggan to keep it 1-0. From a Danny Cocks cross, Nduna's diving header was clawed out with the ball virtually past the keeper.

Spalding levelled with their first attempt at goal. A hopeful ball forward was missed by the Chasetown defence and Gary King prodded beyond Curtis Pond.

Chasetown regained the lead immediately with another Baker cross and debutant Cocks volleyed home at the far post despite Duggan's attempts to keep it out.

Cocks kept the home side on the front foot and forced Duggan to flick the ball onto the crossbar after cutting in from the left wing.

Spalding were reduced to 10 men in the 65th minute with Jamie Jackson sent off for a second yellow card for dissent.

Baker had an effort cleared off the Spalding line by Jordan Lemo, but the visitors almost scored a dramatic late equaliser with Layton Maddison striking the crossbar in the 90th minute.

On Saturday, Chasetown travel to Market Drayton Town – the third meeting between the two sides this season.

Butcher scuppers Hayes' hopes of away win at death

Cadbury Athletic 3 Heath Hayes 3

STUART Butcher headed home a last-minute goal to earn Cadbury a share of the spoils.

Hayes started in the ascendency. After only eight minutes a clever ball from Andrews Davis found James McGrady one-on-one with a Cadbury defender and he cut inside onto his right foot to hit a well-placed shot low to the keeper's right.

McGrady turned provider as Brad Rolston doubled the lead, but the advantage was halved when Odane Barnes pulled a goal back before half-time.

Cadbury started the second half with a renewed sense of purpose and Barnes equalised from the spot.

Just after the hour, a cross from the left saw Kieran Nelson get in a header to restore the visitors' advantage.

Despite injuries requiring replacements for both full-backs, Hayes looked to be in control of the game. But an injury-time free-kick for Cadbury saw a desperately lofted high ball manage to land on the head of Butcher who guided home a point saving equaliser.

DANNY BUOYS PITMEN HOPES

Hednesford Town 1 Mickleover

HEDNESFORD Town progressed in the FA Trophy First Qualifying Round thanks to a late goal from Danny Glover.

The Pitmen will now play host to Cleethorpes Town in the Second Qualifying Round on November 11.

The home side started the quicker and a nice lay off by Jordan Graham saw Adriel George fire over from 12 yards.

Pitmen goalkeeper James Wren was called into action in the 14th minute, turning behind a stinging effort from Evan Garnett.

A nice move from Town saw Graham play in George 10 minutes later and as he ghosted into the penalty area his low shot was pushed behind for a corner by Lewis King From the resultant corner Sam Oji saw his effort go wide. Some lovely interplay from Mickleover in the 49th minute saw the ball find its way to Garnett and with only Wren to beat he ballooned his effort over.

Kicked

In the 57th minute a deep free-kick into the Sports penalty area saw Jim Mutton arriving around at the back post but his diving header was well saved.

The crucial goal would arrive in the 81st minute, an initial ball into the area was cleared as far as Ben Bailey and his effort fired towards goal saw Glover stretch to loop the ball up and over King and into the net.

Following the goal there was somewhat of a coming together as Sports defender Tom Burgin kicked out at Glover with the Sports man and Alex Melbourne booked for their part in the aftermath.

All of Hednesford's good work was almost undone in the fourth minute of stoppage time when a ball into the area was cleared as far as full-back Ben Turner but his low effort was cleared from in front of goal by Sam Oji.

The Pitmen were hosting Grantham on Tuesday and on Saturday travel to Barwell, ko 3pm.

Running into form for bronze

The senior team of Chris Perrin, Phil Wolfe, James Perrin and Sam Bagley

CANNOCK & STAFFORD AC runners impressed in the Midland Cross Country Relay Championships.

A number of excellent performances resulted in the men's senior and masters teams claiming bronze medals at a windswept Aldersley Stadium in Wolverhampton.

With teams of four on a course of two 3k laps, the senior team got off to a solid start with Phil Wolfe finishing seventh and handing over to Chris Perrin, who had a tremendous run to make up five places.

Chris's twin James maintained second with 17-year-old Sam Bagley then securing a medal as he was just edged into third place during a battle down the finishing stretch.

The masters team were given a good start by Nigel Haycock, who passed over to Jason Jones in third.

Jones and Tim Kelly held on to the bronze medal position which was cemented when last-leg runner Paul Thacker brought the team home.

In the masters ladies event, the team of Sally Gray, Nina Skilton and Sue Kneill-Boxley finished just out of the medals in fourth place.

First XI just fail to peg back leaders

University of Nottingham 4 Cannock 3

CANNOCK Men's Firsts travelled to the league leaders, who led 3-0 after 20 minutes. Callum Stacey reduced the deficit and then added a second after the Students' fourth. Dylan Shirley made it 4-3 but Stags were unable to level.

Warwick 1 Cannock M3s 3

CHRIS Mayer set Cannock on their way against newly-promoted Warwick. Debutant Spencer Ley netted his first goal for Cannock before Mayer added a second.

Harborne M5s 3 Cannock M4s 2

KARL Bayliss and Phil Heighway were on target for Cannock.

Cannock M5s 2 Sutton M5s 6

CANNOCK led 2-1 at the break through Derek Prince – his first game in seven months – and Lee Marsh. The second half saw a completely different Sutton side score five goals.

Cannock M5s 1 Burton 6

CANNOCK ventured into new territory with a game in the new England Hockey National Cup (Tier 4).

A fast and skilful Burton forward line caused problems for the Cannock defence and keeper Rufus Horn was called into action almost immediately, but was unable to prevent Burton taking a 5-0 half-time lead. Cannock made a fist of it second half and Dave Wigg converted.

Cannock L1s 1 Bath Buccaneers 0

CANNOCK should have gone 1-0 up in the first half but saw a penalty flick saved. But 35 seconds into the second half came the winner from Mia Foster.

Banks's hosts games in under-17 Euros

WALSALL'S Banks's Stadium will be a host ground for next year's UEFA European Under-17 Championship finals.

The annual tournament, for Europe's 16 elite nations, runs from from May 4-20. The Banks's will stage games along with Burton Albion, Chesterfield, Loughborough University, Rotherham United and St George's Park.

World Cup winners England, who won the European Under-17 title in 2010 and 2014, and were runners-up to Spain in 2017, qualified automatically as hosts.

Walsall Chief Executive Stefan Gamble said: "We are delighted to be one of the host stadiums."

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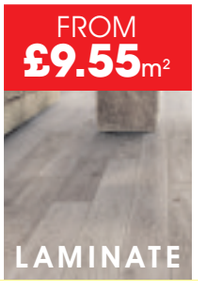

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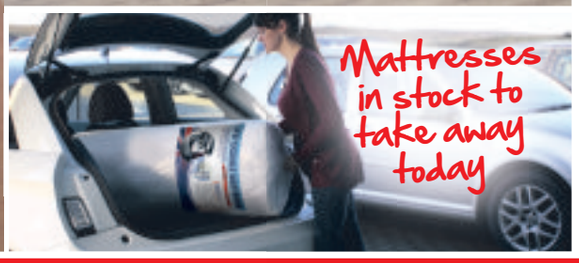

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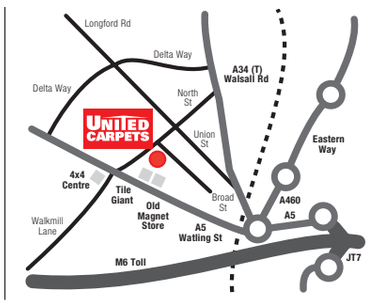

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